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ALLIED TROOPS LEVANGER THUS GERMAN FORCES

ADVANCING TO ENCIRCLING THE IN TRONDHEIM

BREVITY OF ALLIED COMMUNIQUE COMMENDED BY PRESS

LONDON, APR. 22 (BWS)—APART FROM THE LACONIC OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, NEWS REACHING ENGLAND FROM NORWAY COMES ALMOST ENTIRELY THROUGH SWEDEN and is based on reports, inevitably sketchy, and carried across the frontier. These are treated with appropriate reserve by newspapers which, recognising the necessity for withholding information which may be of value to the enemy, commend the brevity of Allied communiques.

No Cessation In R.A.F. Activity Over Germany

British Wireless reports that particular attention has been paid in the last few days to the exploits of the R. A. F. in reconnoitring German bases in Norway. It is important to remember there has been no cessation in R. A. F. activity over Germany itself.

Since the beginning of the war, aircraft of the Bomber Command have flown no fewer than 800,000 miles over what is known as Greater Germany.

The countryside must be watched for troops movements or other unusual activity on roads, railways or rivers and the sky scanned for the approach of enemy aircraft.

A further result of these flights is the fact that more than 800 flights by day or night, without serious mishap, have taught the crews to trust their aircraft. They have also given crews complete self-confidence and have taught them to regard their work as a piece of familiar routine for which they have no doubt of their capacity.

STAVANGER BOMBED

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—An Air Ministry communique announces that on Sunday night the Royal Air Force again bombed and machine-gunned the Stavanger Aerodrome.

In spite of anti-aircraft fire, hits by high explosive bombs were observed, and a number of enemy aircraft are known to have been destroyed.

All British aircraft later returned safely to their respective bases.

First Full War Budget

SIMON TO SPEAK FOR TWO HOURS

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will open the first full War Budget in the House of Commons tomorrow.

In view of the importance of this statement of Britain's financial position and plans for financing the war, it is expected that Sir John's speech will last nearly two hours.

It is understood that the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will not make a war statement tomorrow.

DEATH OF LL. G. WAR CABINET MEMBER

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—The death is announced here of Mr. George Barnes, a Labour member of the Lloyd George War Cabinet and a signatory to the Versailles Treaty.

Another Wild Stroke By Hitler Expected

THE ALLIED TROOPS ARE RAPIDLY ADVANCING TOWARDS TRONDHEIM, ACCORDING TO A HAVAS MESSAGE FROM STEINKJER IN NORWAY. The report adds that German bombers razed Namsos to the ground, also Grong, and heavily bombed Steinkjer.

Allied troops, which landed south of Trondheim, are advancing to Levanger thus encircling the Germans in Trondheim.

After half-a-day's car journey in the interior of Norway, the Havas correspondent gained the impression that important operations could only take place on the coast and near the fjords with victory depending solely on the number of effectives involved.

GENERAL WU'S WAR HELP

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central)—General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, has received a telegram from General Li Han-yun, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, promising a donation of \$2,000 (Chinese currency) to the British War Organisation Fund.

In response to a request of the Hongkong branch of the B.W.O.F., General Wu is raising money for the fund from among Chinese leaders and has so far raised a considerable amount.

The report concludes that Germany unable to send reinforcements by sea and Norway's airports destroyed the Allies clearly have the upper hand.

A Havas message from Stockholm says that while German planes are desperately bombing the region south of Trondheim in an attempt to hold up the Allied advance, two hundred German soldiers landed by parachute in the region with instructions to sabotage the railway. A hundred and fifty Germans have already been captured.

THREE MAIN AREAS
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—The war in Norway crystallises three main areas, firstly, that between Hamar and Oslo, secondly, at

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SHORTAGE OF EXCHANGE APPARATUS SERIOUSLY AFFECTS EXPANSION OF H.K. TELEPHONE SYSTEM

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

It will probably be a matter of years before several hundreds of persons on the waiting list for telephones in Hongkong will have their needs in this direction fulfilled, the chief difficulty in meeting the growing demand for instruments being acute shortage of exchange equipment in the Colony and the inability of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., to obtain their requirements from abroad.

An official of the Telephone Company, explaining the situation to a representative of the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday, said that the difficulties of manufacturers of these delicate and highly specialised apparatus, already heavy in times of peace, have been greatly increased by the outbreak of war in Europe, and now it is impossible to get even an approximate delivery date for orders placed more than a year ago.

WAITING LIST

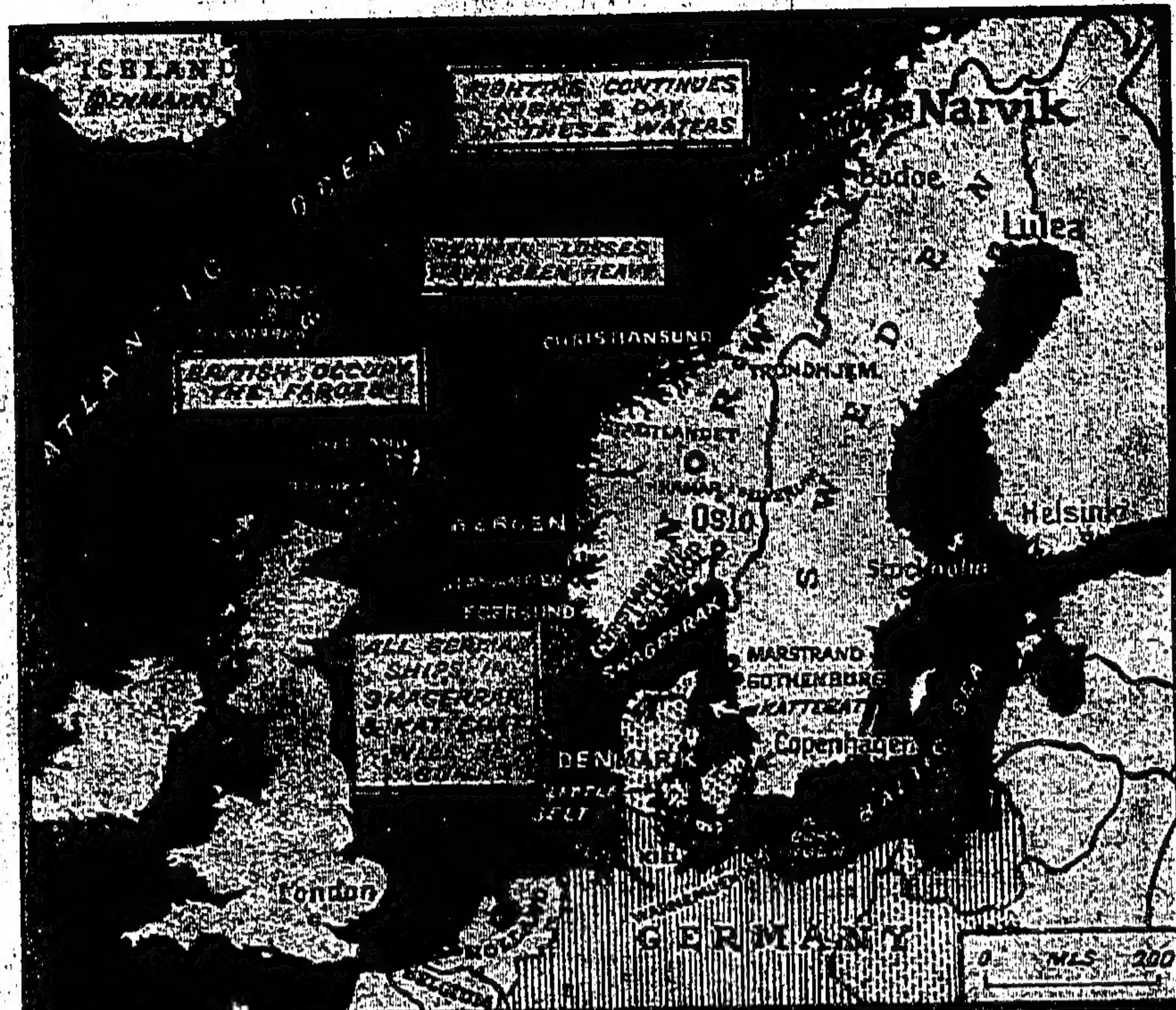
"Under present conditions," he said, "it is only when a subscriber gives up a number that the name at the top of the waiting list can be served."

"And that happens very seldom," he added, with a smile.

Our representative was taken round the Central Automatic Exchange and shown the system in operation. The whole exchange is equipped with one standard type of apparatus and the local company is entirely dependent on the manufacturers of that particular brand of exchange equipment for its supplies.

KING AND QUEEN

LONDON, Apr. 22 (BWS)—The King and Queen have returned to London after spending the week-end at Windsor where they celebrated Princess Elizabeth's 14th birthday on Sunday.



Map of the field of operations covered by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons recently. The tabs indicate points made in the speech.

MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO IN NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES; U.S. AND JAPAN NOT IN POSITION TO ENTER AN UNDERSTANDING

WESTERN DISTRICT ROBBERY

REVOLVER FOUND BY POLICE

Jewellery and money, valued in all at \$1,270, were stolen by five armed men who gained entrance by a trick to the third floor of No. 205B, Des Voeux Road West yesterday afternoon.

The occupant of the flat, named Wong Sik-hung, was at home at the time together with his wife, Chan Kam-lan, his mother, his sister and an amah.

About 2 p.m. there was a knock at the door, and when the mistress of the house opened the peephole of the door she saw a man who said that he had brought some oysters for her husband. As soon as the door was opened, the man rushed in with four others following.

The first man covered Chan Kam-lan and the amah with a revolver, whilst the others, who were armed with knives and screwdrivers, threatened the other occupants.

PUSHED INTO CUBICLE

After pushing the occupants into a cubicle and binding and gagging them, the robbers ransacked the places. They remained for about half an hour and escaped with considerable jewellery and money.

Chan Kam-lan shortly afterwards succeeded in freeing herself. Having untied the others, she communicated with the police, who later discovered the revolver used by the robbers in a corner of the staircase of the house.

No arrests were reported up till late last night.

WELFARE WORK IN MIDLANDS

LONDON, Apr. 22 (BWS)—Mr. Charles Brytherton, Chairman of a well-known Yorkshire chemical manufacturing firm, has given £250,000 to help welfare work in the North and the Midlands. A Trust, yielding £10,000 annually, will be formed for welfare schemes in cities and towns where the firm has branches.

TOKYO, APR. 22 (REUTER)—NO UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED between the Japanese Ambassador in Washington and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, regarding the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies nor were Japan and the United States in a position to enter into such an understanding, declared the Foreign Office spokesman at today's press conference.

He made the statement on the basis on an official despatch from Washington describing an interview on Saturday between the Japanese Envoy, Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi and Mr. Hull.

A correspondent inquired if any understanding had been undertaken regarding the maintenance of the status quo of the East Indies as reported by a press message from Washington.

Asked about the Tientsin silver question, the spokesman said he expected a final settlement in the not distant future but no definite date could be given, though newspapers predicted that a final settlement would be made towards the end of April.

Mr. Cordell Hull asked Mr. Horinouchi about Japan's attitude towards China, the latter told him, the spokesman stated, the Japanese Government means to redeem its pledges to third Powers in China.

POLICY UNCHANGED

There is no change, the spokesman added, in the policy of the Japanese Government in regard to safeguarding the rights and interests of third Powers in China. He pointed out that large-scale hostilities are still going on in China which fact gives rise to the present situation. He hoped third Powers would understand the circumstances.

The interview between Mr. Horinouchi and Mr. Hull had been devoted mainly to the discussion of the Philippines Immigration Bill, though questions of the Netherlands Indies and American rights in China were also touched upon casually, the spokesman said.

SILENT SERVICE

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Emphasising the exposed position of the Netherlands Indies if Holland is attacked, Pertinax writes in L'Ordre: "Smaller States, with fine colonies, would then be able to measure the value of the silent service which the British Fleet has rendered them in the past and estimate what immobilisation of the British Navy in European waters might cost them."

FIGHT IN HONGKONG CLUB

Billiard Room Disturbance

The billiard room of the Hongkong Club was thrown into an uproar shortly after dinner last night when a fight broke out between two of the Club's servants which resulted in one man being sent to hospital with serious abdominal injuries.

The injured man, whose name is Ng Kai-fong, is employed as a billiard marker. The other man, Fung Kwok-keung, is a cloak room attendant. Both are in their early twenties.

It appears that shortly after some members had finished a game and left the room, Fung, who then went off duty entered the billiard room, which is situated on the ground floor of the Charter Road side of the main staircase, on his way to the servants' quarters. The marker, Ng, had not left the room.

LYING ON COUCH

What caused the fight is not known but other employees attracted by the noise of a scuffle found the marker lying on a couch in the verandah. He was panting heavily, but speechless, and was holding his side.

The house-keeper, Mrs. Thornhill, who was informed, had the injured man removed to hospital and notified the police who detained Fung for enquiry.

In the World of Sports

TSUI BROTHERS ENTER DOUBLES' FINAL

Gonsalves And Remedios Lose In Straight Sets

Tsui Wai-pui, partnered by his younger brother, Tsui Yan-pui, holders of the Colony Tennis Doubles' title for the past two years, entered the final at the Hongkong C.C. Stand Court yesterday afternoon, when, displaying brilliant form, they defeated the Recreio pair, J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios, in three straight sets.

The Tsuis won 6-1, 6-4, 6-3, and will now meet the winners of the match between the Rumjahn cousins (former holders) and E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hing.

In yesterday's match, which was witnessed by a fairly large crowd, Remedios proved the steadier of the Portuguese pair. The first set was won by the Chinese with a lot to spare.

HIT HARD

In the second set, the Tsuis hit very hard but a number of their shots failed to clear the net. Gonsalves was the weak link in the Recreio combination and more often than not Tsui Wai-pui scored points by placing his shots at Gonsalves.

Some excellent volleying and cross-court placing also featured the display by the Chinese pair who also obtained many points with well-judged shots that fell between their opponents and left them standing.

In the third set, Remedios could not keep up with the fast pace set up by the Tsuis and began to tire.



Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony Singles champion.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. SWIMMING

The General Meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section will be held tonight at 6 p.m. at the European "Y," Kowloon. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend in order to help arrange an active swimming programme for the coming season.

FANLING GOLF

Stableford Competition at Fanling (Old Course) April 20 and 21. W. H. Jowit 26+14=40 wins. There were 28 entries.

Happy Valley—Adamson Cup—Semi-final: Hugh Smith beat W. W. C. Sheehan 2 and 1. F. Buckle beat G. E. Willerton 2 and 1.

TRUE BLUE WINS

The ladies' Corinthian race sailed yesterday afternoon resulted as follows:—

	Finished Pos.
True Blue (All)	5.15.43 1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	
Gull (A9)	5.16.38 2
(Mrs. G. D. Adams)	
La Linda (A16)	5.17.16 3
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	
Jess (A8)	5.21.58 4
(Mrs. M. A. Neve)	

FRENCH AIR FORCE SOCCER WIN

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—The French Air Force beat the Royal Air Force three nil in a soccer match following with a 32-14 Rugby victory, both at Parc des Princes.

EASTERN BOWS TO YCO IN THRILLING GAME

MANILA, April 22 (Reuter)—Eastern Athletic Association, who are touring here, suffered their first defeat at the hands of the YCO last night by one goal to nil.

CUP FINAL

A Football League Cup competition for a special trophy to be won outright, with a final which will probably take place at Wembley Stadium on June 8, has now been drawn up in complete detail. The event will include all the clubs of the League with the exception of Aston Villa, Derby County, Tranmere Rovers, Ipswich, and Exeter City.

Nineteen clubs will survive from the preliminary round, and with the three exempted clubs and the 42 from the First and Second Division added, a total of 64 will be reached.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for May Meeting, Sunday 5th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at:—

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Entries close at 12 NOON on THURSDAY, 25th April, 1940. By order,

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B. & S. ANNUAL SOCCER MATCH

CHINESE STAFF WIN 6-3

The annual soccer match between the European and Chinese staffs of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Ltd. was played on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday afternoon.

After an interesting game, in which some fine football was seen, the Chinese emerged winners by six goals to three.

The winning team had three "star" League players, all of whom turn out regularly for South China. They are Leung Wing-chiu (South China "A"), and Chan Tak-fai and Li Shek-yau (South China "B"). Mr. C. C. Roberts, acting manager, and a number of B. and S. executives were present.

Races

Fifth Extra Meeting

2-DAY PROGRAMME

The programme for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting, to be held on May 11 and 12 at the Race Course, is as follows:—

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY MAY 11 LEAD MINE HANDICAP.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "C" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. One and a half Miles.

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Lead Mine Handicap (Races Nos. 1 and 5). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

WARWICK FARM HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. One and a quarter Miles.

STONECUTTERS HANDICAP.—For China Ponies, Grifins of this Season. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. One and a quarter Miles.

WEITZSUND HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5 One Mile.

LEAD MINE HANDICAP.—Second Section.—To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed.

(See Race No. 1). SHATIN HANDICAP.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Shatin Handicap (Races Nos. 6 and 8). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

BONDI HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a half Miles.

SHATIN HANDICAP.—Second Section. (See Race No. 6). SPENCER HANDICAP.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 170 Yards).

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, MAY 12 SMUGGLERS' HANDICAP.—For China Ponies, "E" Class. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP.—First Section.—For China Ponies "C" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Green Island Handicap (Races Nos. 2 and 9). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

WHITSON PLATE.—A Handicap for China Ponies. Ponies classified "A" Class that have won \$5,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1940, barred. One and a quarter Miles.

SHARKS BAY HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies, "A" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

BEAUFORT HANDICAP.—For China Ponies, Grifins of this



Members of the Chung Hwa Girls' Basketball team at present visiting the Colony. Top row (left to right)—Miss Chan Wan-shung, Mr. Lee Sau-ming (assistant coach), Miss Chan Yuk-siu. Below (left to right)—Miss Ng Yuk-mut and Miss Wong Yuk-min.

U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, April 23 (Reuter)—The following are the results of the League baseball matches played yesterday:—

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	6	12	0
St. Louis	2	7	9
Kubel pitched.			
Detroit	12	15	0
Cleveland	2	5	2
Trosky pitched.			

The games between Washington and New York, and Philadelphia and Boston were postponed on account of rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	5	9	1
Chicago	4	11	3

The following games were postponed on account of rain:—New York-Brooklyn, Boston-Philadelphia, Cincinnati-Pittsburgh.

"WAPPINSHAW" AT THE C.S.C.C.

The Civil Service Cricket Club announces that Wappinshaw competitions will be held every Tuesday, commencing today. Draw will take place promptly at 5.29 p.m. each day.

Season. Winners, at this Meeting and Ponies that have won \$500 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

LAMA HANDICAP.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. One and a quarter Miles.

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Lama Handicap (Races Nos. 6 and 10). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

MANLY HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. One and a half Miles.

GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP.—Second Section.

(See Race No. 2). KILLARA HANDICAP.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners at this Meeting and Ponies that have won \$500 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

LAMA HANDICAP.—Second Section.

(See Race No. 6).

H.K. CHINESE GIRLS LOSE AT BASKETBALL

The Philippine Chinese Girls' Basketball team, on a tour of the Colony, won their second match yesterday when they defeated a team of Chinese girls, selected by the H. K. Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, by 33-29.

It was a fast and exciting game and the local girls gave a very good account of themselves, being beaten by a small margin by a far superior team.

The visitors won their first game on Sunday when they defeated a representatives team of Hongkong Chinese school girls.

WALES ROUTED BY FINE PACK

ELLIS AND KEMP ON TOP OF FORM

Wales 9pts, England 18. England's Rugby team gained a surprisingly easy victory over Wales at Cardiff Arms Park before a crowd of 50,000.

Five minutes after the interval, when Kemp had scored a try, for England and Howard Davies had got a penalty goal for Wales, Wales went ahead through a try by Owen.

Up to that point the Welsh forwards had been on top but Huskisson pulled the English pack together, and from the moment that Unwin raced in for a try that Heaton converted it was nearly all England.

They wore the Welsh pack down to a standstill, dominated the scrums, and smashed their way to victory in the loose.

RARE FIND

Huskisson, Newton-Thompson—a rare find—Teden and the rest gave a truly magnificent display, right up to the standard of English packs of the past, and with Ellis and Kemp at the top of their form at half and the whole three-quarter combining perfectly it was a great day for England.

Spectacular tries by F. G. Edwards and Kemp followed. Heaton converting both, Wales's response being a second penalty goal by Davies.

Obolensky provided one of the several thrills of this half when he cut inwards and sprinted across the field, as he did against New Zealand, for Kemp to score after Teden and Berry had handled.

Wales.—C. Howard Davies (Swansea); C. Matthews (Bridgend); H. O. Edwards (Neath); W. Wooller (Cardiff); E. R. Knapp (Cardiff and Cambridge University); W. E. Jones (Neath); H. Tanner (Swansea); I. Owen (Maesteg); F. Dorrington (Cross Keys); L. Mansfield (Cardiff); L. Davies (Swansea); R. E. Price (Weston-super-Mare); W. J. Evans (Pontypool); W. H. Travers (Newport); W. E. N. Davis (Cardiff).

England.—P. Cranmer (Moseley); E. J. Unwin (Rosslyn Park); F. G. Edwards (Gloucester); J. Heaton (Waterloo); A. Obolensky (Rosslyn Park); T. A. Kemp (St. Mary's Hospital); J. Ellis (Wakefield); J. T. W. Berry (Leicester); C. I. Newton-Thompson (Cambridge University); J. K. Watkins (United Services); R. Willsher (Bedford); T. F. Huskisson (Old Merchant Taylors); R. E. Prescott (Harlequin); C. G. Githorpe (Wagga and Coventry); D. E. Teden (Richmond).

INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS DISCUSSED

BY "RECORDER"

The heats of the annual Inter-School Sports will be run off at Caroline Hill Stadium this afternoon, when nine Hongkong schools will vie for places in the finals to be held at the Stadium on Friday.

A prediction as to who will win the Governor's Shield this year, would be unwise to venture at this stage, though Wah Yan College seem likely inter-school champions. La Salle College won last year and Central, British School the year before.

Wah Yan appear to have the best balanced team this year, but, as has always been the case with any school to win the Shield, are depending on some three or four boys working up to their best form.

St. Stephen's are the closest challengers and have a boy to challenge Wah Yan's best in every event other than the middle distance runs.

RECORD HOLDER. There will only be one defending champion on view, Kwok Chi-hung of St. Stephen's College, who set an inter-school record of 9 feet 11 1/2 inches in the pole vault last year. Of last year's 23 boys who scored points, only five will be competing.

Strong in the field events and well-balanced in track, Wah Yan will enter the Stadium the most highly regarded team. Fong Chi-hung has equalled the inter-school record of 5 feet 7 1/2 inches in the high jump and is good for second place, if not first, in the pole vault and first or second in the shot put.

OTHER "PROBABLES". Other Wah Yan "probables" are Lui Chung-yin and Chan Yee-tong in the sprints, Lam Kwong-leng at 400 metres and Fung Kim-hung at 1,500 Metres. St. Stephen's will challenge with Wolfgang Yue, second in the high jump last year, who is now also a strong challenger for the hurdles, Kwok Chi-hung, pole vault and shot put, and Chan King-cheung, sprints and long jump.

The Diocesan Boys' School, who were second to La Salle in last year's sports, have Clifton Large in the sprints and 400 metres, J. Macaulay, 400 and 800 metres, E. Mazza in the long jump and Ma Wai-fun in the shot put. The challenge from the D.B.S. this year, though, does not appear to be strong.

Central British School will have neither Fryde nor Norman Smith competing today as both have left school. Rousseau in the 800 metres and Truxar at 1,500 metres may prove strong challengers, however, to spoil Wah Yan's possible points in these events.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE. La Salle College, last year's winners of the Shield, have a very poor team and can only look forward to points from L. Silva

in the 800 metres and Marcus Ng in the vault. King's College have Wong Ki-lum in the long jump and Poon Sai-on in the high jump as possible scorers, as well as Sin Kwok-bun at 400 metres.

Queen's College will be strong in the runs and hurdles, with Fong King-yeung, who has done 57.8 seconds for the quarter mile, a strong challenger at both 200 and 400 metres. Sarwar Khan and Khan Mohammed may score in the distance runs and Liang Shau-hong in the hurdles. St. Paul's College and St. Joseph's College appear to be the two weakest teams.

LEAGUE SOCCER PROGRAMME. The following First Division League football matches will be played this week:—

TOMORROW, 5 p.m.—Navy v. Royal Scots (Causeway Bay); South China "A" v. South China "B" (Caroline Hill).

SATURDAY, 4.45 p.m.—Kowloon v. Royal Scots (Kowloon); St. Joseph's v. Police (Caroline Hill).

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

ATHLETIC.—Army Athletic Championships (Polo Ground), (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.; Inter-School Athletics (Caroline Hill).

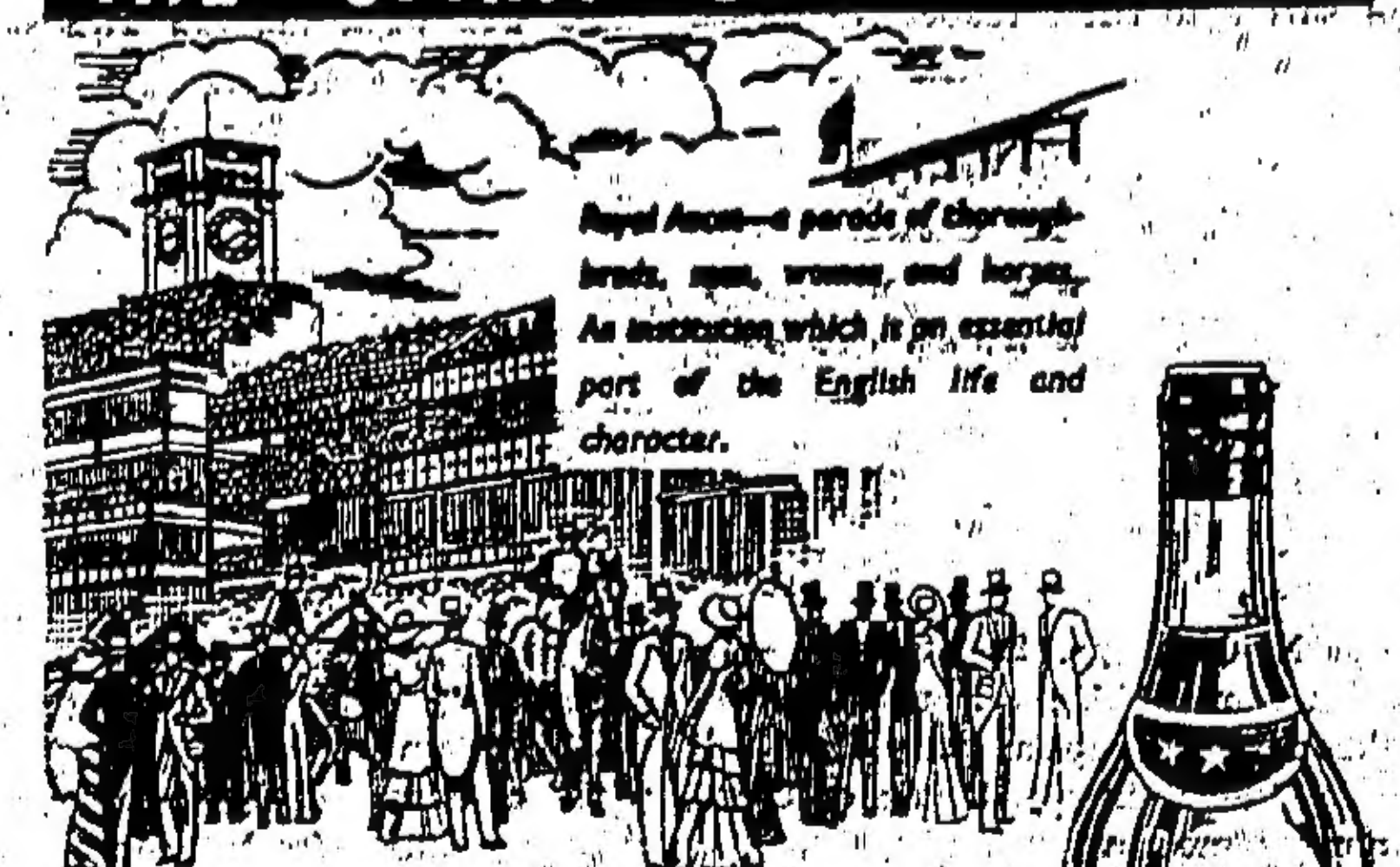
MEETINGS.—Annual of European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section (West Lounge), 8 p.m. TENNIS.—Open Doubles, Semi-final: E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

TOMORROW, ATHLETICS.—Army Athletic Championships (Polo Ground), (Boundary Street), 8.30 a.m. SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon Practice Shoot (200, 500, & 600 yards), at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, ATHLETICS.—Army Athletic Championships (Polo Ground), (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, ATHLETICS.—Inter-School Athletics (Finals), Caroline Hill MEETING.—Annual of Victoria Recreation Club (Club), 6 p.m.

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Meat - Rationed Meals At Buckingham Palace

An hour after they had returned from a week-end with the Princesses at Windsor, the King and Queen sat down to their first meat-rationed meal at Buckingham Palace.

LUNCHEON MENU

The meal was lunch, and it was served, as usual, in the ornately decorated Chinese Room on the first floor of the Palace. On the walls are silk hangings, embroidered with fearsome looking dragons. The long windows open on to a balcony overlooking Constitution Hill and the Green Park. Blue-liveried Royal Pages of the Presence served the King and Queen, who ate from the Garter china, on a polished mahogany table laid with lace mats. The first Royal "ration menu" was simple. There were three courses: vegetable soup, roast chicken with salad, and new potatoes, a cheese savoury.

Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, who had driven up for the day with their parents, shared the meal, but to the two Royal children there was nothing new.

HELL'S KITCHEN

Entertainment of the sort that is guaranteed by the inclusion of the "Dead End" kids in the cast of any picture is provided by them in heaping measure in their latest Warner Bros. production, entitled "Hell's Kitchen," which comes tomorrow to the Majestic Theatre.

Of course, they have plenty of adult as well as juvenile aid, particularly in the person of the gravel-voiced Stanley Fields, who strikes one in this production as nothing more nor less than a "Dead End" kid grown up, older certainly, wiser, maybe and tougher perhaps.

NO PREFERENCE

Brig-Gen. Sir Hill Child, Master of the Household, made it clear to all under his charge, a few days before rationing began, that the King and Queen themselves wished for no preferential treatment, and were anxious that no members of their staff should seek to

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

23-Tides: High 9.41 a.m. and 11.05 p.m. Low 3.24 a.m. and 4.23 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Inter-Schools Sports, Caroline Hill, D.O.B. Annual Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
Ladies Golf: Scotland v. Rest, Fanning.
St. John's Cathedral Hall: Diocesan Conference, 5.30 p.m.
S. and S. Home, Circuit Quarterly Mtg., 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, 3 p.m.
Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 9 p.m.
Opening of New Building of H.K. Red Swastika Society, Eastern Terrace, Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Combined Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; General Meeting of Swimming Section, 6 p.m.; Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club, 11th Mtg., 1 p.m.; Speaker—Dr. J. H. Montgomery: "Home Leave via South Africa."
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Colony Tennis Championships, Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Soldiers' Guild of St. George, Port-nighly Mtg., Scandal Point Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Cathedral Scouts' Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.
24-Tides: High 10.29 a.m. and 11.59 p.m. Low 3.55 a.m. and 5.10 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.; Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Colony Tennis Championships, H.K. M.C.C. Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 11 a.m.
Cheero Club: Mahjong and Contract Bridge, 8 p.m.
25-Anzac Day.
Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.; Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Colony Tennis Championships, H.K. M.C.C. Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 11 a.m.
Cheero Club: Mahjong and Contract Bridge, 8 p.m.
26-Sortball League Presentation Night Dance.
Inter-School Sports (Finals), Caroline Hill.
Referees' Assn. Dance, Hotel Cecil.
R.A.O.C. Monthly Meeting—Speaker, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell on "Meaning of Peace Names in H.K." Diocesan Old Girls Assn. General Meeting and Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Cheero Club: Concert, 9 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming from 10 a.m.
Annual R.A. Golf Meeting at Fanning.
Victoria Recreation Club, Annual Meeting, 6 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Colony Tennis Championships, 27-R.E.O.C.A. Social Evening.
St. Andrew's Club Hockey and Badminton Dinner Dance, St. Andrew's Hall, 7.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club, Mixed Seven-Side Hockey Tournament, King's Park, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. University: Exhibition of Paintings, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Mountain Lodge: Entertainment to Girl Guides Association, 3 p.m.
28-H.K. Golf Club, Adamson Cup Final due to be completed.
K.C.C. Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, 2.30 p.m.
Military Band Concert at Peninsula Hotel.
Six-Side Hockey Tournament, 29-St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road: Lecture by Rev. W. P. McDonagh "The Faith in Europe."
Cheero Club: Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Children's Playgrounds Assn. Annual Mtg., 6.15 p.m.

Radio Programmes

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LONDON RELAY OF SPEECH BY WINSTON CHURCHILL

English Music.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Ivor Novello. "The Dancing Years", My Dearest Dear—Mary Ella and Ivor Novello (Vocal) with Orchestra. My Life Belongs to You—Dunstan Hart and Mary Ellis (Vocal) with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orchestra. "Careless Rapture"—Selection—Orchestra. Raymond con. by G. Walter with Vocal Refrain by Webster Booth and Angela Parrella. "The Dancing Years"—The Wings of Sleep—Mary Ella and Ivor Novello (Vocal) with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orchestra. Frimrose—Roma Beaumont (Vocal) with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orchestra. "Crest of the Wave"—Selection—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra con. by Charles Prentice.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report

1.03 Grace Fields, Leslie Henson and Tommy Handley in Variety.

The Night That We Met in a Black-Out (Kester): Who Is That Man? (Kester, Watt) — Tommy Handley (Comedian) with Piano. That's What Puts the "Sweet" in "Home, Sweet Home" (Newmann); Would a Man Cat Wag Its Tail (Haines); The Wings of Sleep (Comedian) with Orch. Comedy Sketch — A Few Drinks (from "Punchy Face") — Leslie Henson and Sydney Howard; Grace's Request Record—Intro: Sing as We Go: Because I Love You; The Rockdale Round — Grace Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Let's All Join in The Chorus with Tommy Handley and His Pals"—Intro: Daisy Bell; Let's All Sing Along the Way; Nellie Dean; Oh, you beautiful Doll; The Spaniard that blighted my life; Hello, Hello, who's yer lady friend; At Trinity Church; Lily of Laguna; The Man who broke the Bank; Knees up, Mother Brown.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
Blow The Man Down; Tom's Goss to Hilo (arr. Terry); The Boatmen (Harris); The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott)—with Piano accompaniment.

1.55 Music of Roger Quilter.

Children's Overture — New Light Symphony Orchestra. Where the Rainbow Ends — Selection — Sidney Torch (Organ).

2.15 Close down.

6.00 A Chronological Programme of English Music from Purcell to Elgar.

La Volta (Byrd); Ayre (Rossiter); Tower Hill (Farnaby)—The Pipers' Guild Quartet. Passing Bells (Purcell); The Gentle Maiden (Boulton-Somervell)—Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra. The Fairy Queen—Three Dances (Purcell)—The Jacques String Orchestra con. by Reginald Jacques. Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare-Arne)—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano. Piano Sonata in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3 (John Field 1782-1826); Frick (Marick (Piano). "Well, Gwyn Dances" (Edward German)—Jack Hyton and His Orchestra. Queen Mary's Song (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood); Like To The Damask Rose (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood) — Light Symphony Orchestra con. by Haydn Wood. Speak, Music! (Elgar)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano accom. by Gerald Moore. Triumphant March (from "Caractacus" Op. 35—Elgar)—London Symphony Orchestra con. by Lawrence Collingwood.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 English Ballads.

Jock The Fiddler; The Ballad-Monger (Songs of the Fair—Easthope Martin); Fairings; Come to the Fair (Songs of the Fair—Easthope Martin)—Percy Hemling (Baritone) with Orchestra. Bless this House (Brahms); Soul of Mine (Barnes); Esale Ackland (Contralto) with Organ. Fill A Glass With Golden Wine (Shelley and Quilter); Good Night (Shelley and Davis)—Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Piano and Cello Obligato.

7.23 The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards playing a Warlike March Medley.

Intro: Tipperary; Quand Madelon; Ca c'est Paris; Wish me Luck; The Siegfried Line; Beer Barrel Polka.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 B.B.C. Recording—"London."

A somewhat mis-conducted tour of the Capital of the British Empire. Written and produced by H. L. Morrow.

8.30 Latest Wartime Variety.

Fox-Trot—Haw-Haw — Jack Hyton and His Orchestra with Vocal by Arthur Askey. Vocal—How Ashamed I Was (Barney and Holmes); Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel and Pease)—Arthur Askey with Orchestra. Fox-Trot — Good-bye Sally; They Can't Black-Out The Moon; Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Chorus by Sam Brown. The Black-Out Skool; Party Dance—Knees Up Mother Brown—Oscar Rabin & His Band with Vocal Chorus. Fox-Trots — If A Grey-Haired Lady Says "How's Yer Father?" Well, Meet Again—Jay Wilbur & His Band with Vocal by Sam Brown.

9.00 London Relay—Speech by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, at the luncheon of the Royal Society of St. George, followed by a speech by the Chairman, Lord Cleveland.

9.30 London Relay—News Summary.

9.45 Eric Coates—Four Ways Suite. New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Lewis.

9.58 Studio—Talk on "Shakespeare" by Professor R. K. M. Simpson.

10.18 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

At Dawning (Cadman). Policeman's Holiday (Ewing); Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel)—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Glory of the Sea (Sanderson); The Border Ballad (Cowan)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orch. Prelude (Haydn Wood); Intermezzo (Coleridge-Taylor)—New Light Symphony Orchestra. The Admiral's Boom (Sevan); A Jovial Monk Am I (La Poupée—Andran)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orch. Monastery Bells (Weily); The Mill in The Forest (Ellenben); Burfoot (Convey); Jazz Nocturne "My Silent Love" (Suesse)—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission	Time
1—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Trans. II & III—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.30 p.m.
6.	9.15 p.m.
6.	12.00 mid-night
Transmission V—News Summary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Monday	Time
Background to the News	11.00 p.m.
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Saturday	Background to the News
Sunday	Background to the News

SUMNER WELLES SEES THE KING

Opening the white double doors of the King's audience chamber on a recent Monday afternoon, a Royal Page announced, "His Excellency the American Ambassador and Mr. Sumner Welles." "Joe" Kennedy and Franklin Roosevelt's personal envoy were ushered into His Majesty's presence.

TALKED POLITICS

For half an hour, the King talked politics to Mr. Welles, heard about his previous talks in Berlin and Paris. Then, another servant announced that tea was served, and the King and his guests went into the adjoining Royal sitting room, where they were joined by the Queen.

China and Indian tea, with milk, cream and lemon, are served at the Palace when there are visitors. The King and Queen both drink a special blend of Indian tea with a little cream and one lump of sugar.

It is a Royal rule that politics must not be discussed at meal times. The last time the King and Queen talked to Mr. Sumner Welles was at the Washington Capitol nearly nine months ago.

EDUCATIONAL PICTURES

CHUNGKING, April 22 (Central)

The Ministry of Education has requested the China Motion Picture Studio to make a number of educational films for educating the public on various timely subjects. Six films are now being made, depicting the invention of the charcoal motor car and the vegetable oil car, the operations at cotton plantations, the care of war orphans, the making of bristles, and the utilization of grass blades.

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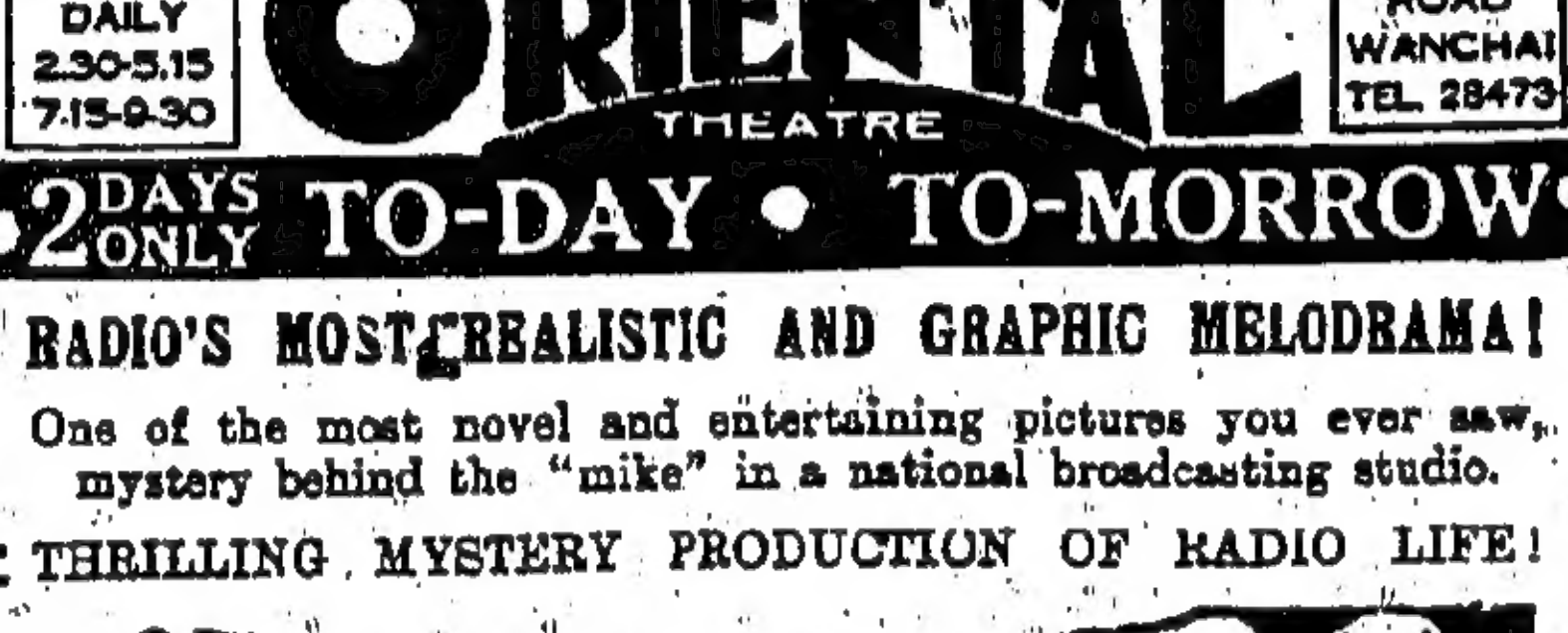
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CHINESE SCORE SUCCESSES ON THE CENTRAL FRONT

ANYI RETAKEN AFTER WEEK'S FIGHTING

CHUNGKING, April 22 (Central)—Chinese successes on Central China fronts during the weekend were reported in Military despatches received here.

Climaxing last week's operations, Anyi, the third important north Kiangsi town outside Nanchang, was re-taken by the Chinese yesterday afternoon. The other two towns, Tsingan and Fengshin, returned to Chinese hands recently.

Chinese forces are centering their operations on Nanchang and Yungku, 30 miles north of Nanchang, with their vanguards only a few miles from their objectives.

JAPANESE FAILURE
On the north Hunan front, Chinese forces intensified their sabotage on the railway north of Yoyang and completely disrupted Japanese communications. Three miles of rails were said to have been torn up by guerrillas.

East of Yoyang on the south Hupai front, the Japanese drive southward from Tsungyang resulted in a complete failure. After having lost several hundred men, the invaders are retreating back to Tsungyang.

Little activities were reported from the Kwangsi front, Japanese sappers being observed to engage busily in throwing floating bridges across the Waikiang River at a point east of Nanning. Chinese river defence forces are taking precautions.

TAIKICHEN ENTERED
KINHWAI, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Chinese units operating along the Nanking-Hangchow highway have been actively harassing the Japanese and carrying out sabotage work.

They broke into Taikichen near Wuhsien, on the south bank of the Taihu Lake in north Chekiang, a few days ago. Hand-grenades were showered at the Japanese barracks, inflicting many casualties.

Many sections of the highway have been damaged and telegraph wires torn down by them.

FIGHTING IN SOUTH SHANSI
LOYANG, Apr. 22 (Central)—Heavily reinforced, the Japanese at Maotungtu, a Yellow River crossing in south Shansi, staged a counter-stroke on the Chinese positions north of Maotungtu on Saturday. They were alleged to have used gas in their attacks.

Chinese forces have steadfastly held their ground despite overwhelming odds.

Serious fighting has been raging near Yicheng as 3,000 Japanese there launched a southward

push with the support of artillery and planes. Several Japanese charges have been thrown back with heavy losses.

JAPANESE ATTACKED IN ANHWEI

SOMEWHERE IN NORTH ANHWEI, Apr. 22 (Central)—Japanese soldiers in more than 20 launches were attacked by the Chinese near Fengtai, in north Anhwei, recently. Many of them were killed and drowned. Eight of the vessels were sunk while four were captured by the Chinese.

A Japanese force at Pohsien, in northwest Anhwei near the Homan border, attacked the Chinese positions at Chaochiao nearby a few days ago. It was thrown back with over 100 casualties.

A Japanese offensive at Holsien, on the west bank of the Yangtze River above Pukow, has also been repulsed.

Dr. Goebbels Uses "Ether" TO LIE TO THE PUBLIC

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—A German broadcast to South Africa which was made last Thursday provided a good example of the unscrupulous deceit of the Nazi propaganda machine.

South African listeners were regaled with what purported to be a letter written by Hitler, the exiled King of Abyssinia, to King Haakon of Norway. This letter rebuked Norway for resisting the Germans, saying that King Haakon himself was a vassal of England.

ANOTHER MESSAGE
The real truth was revealed in another German broadcast which was subsequently given in another language. This time it appeared that the letter had appeared in the Italian newspaper "Il Regime Fascista."

Halle Selassie was not even mentioned. It was obvious that the German broadcast was part of a campaign now being waged by Dr. Goebbels and his propaganda machine against King Haakon.

GOEBBELS HAS A DREAM!
BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—The official News Agency asserts that a British "heavy cruiser" was hit amidships by a bomb yesterday near Andalsnes, heeled over and began to sink. The crew took to the boats, it added.

TORONTO SCOTTISH AT PALACE
LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—Large crowds watched the Toronto Scottish take over from the French Canadians during the Changing of Guards ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

SOME ROOFS DAMAGED
LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—It appears that few roofs were damaged by shrapnel from the terrific antiaircraft artillery but no damage resulted from Saturday night's raid on the south-east coast.

It is established that raiders approached from the north-east flying low and turned northwards where they encountered heavy fire. The engagement, lasted until 1 a.m.

JAPANESE ON PROBATION
KWELIN, Apr. 22 (Central)—In response to a petition from Japanese captives that they be allowed to take part in productive work, the Kwangsi provincial authorities are planning to establish for them two factories for manufacturing toys and chemicals respectively. At present the prisoners are given work on a trial basis.

Germans Drop Parachute Troops

EFFORT TO TAKE GRONG

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (Reuter)—Fighting is reported to have occurred at Namso, between German and Allied forces. It is understood that the Germans had dropped a number of troops by parachute.

This difficult operation is believed to have been undertaken because the Germans failed to obtain Grong, 25 miles east of Namso, and the failure is rendering railway transport impossible.

The Svenska Dagbladet said that the Norwegians still hold Eggra fort, having refused the German effort to open a parley on the subject of surrender.

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—An official communiqué states that there was considerable air activity at Namso on Saturday. Many bombs were dropped. Extensive damage was done to the town but the only Allied loss was one British trawler which was sunk.

There were no casualties to Allied troops.

GERMAN PLANES ACTIVE

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—An official Norwegian communiqué states: "On April 20 the Germans attacked our post on both sides of the Mjoesa. Our troops maintained their positions."

"German planes bombed Dilehammer and several other places, including Andalsnes harbour. Many German planes passed north to the district around Trondheim."

Fifth Column Activities

STOCKHOLM TAKES STERN STEPS

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (Reuter)—First precautionary measures are announced today. The Government has asked Parliament to enforce the law concerning compulsory labour service which was originally passed for use in an emergency. It also requested credit for sixty-five million kroner for artillery material.

More "Nazi Fifth Column Activities" are revealed by the Social Demokraten which asserts that the "Cubo," an organisation which pretends to be a sports and physical culture association, actually exists to spread Nazi doctrines among Swedish youth.

MORE GERMAN CLAIMS OF SUCCESS

BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—A High Command communiqué states that enemy naval forces bombarded Narvik on April 20 but made no attempt to land troops. German troops in the Narvik region captured eight thousand rifles and 315 machineguns.

The German troops in the Oslo region have been further reinforced and continue to advance quickly in all directions. Transport full of men and material to Norway continue to be increased to the full extent. The action of strong Air Force units against enemy attempts to land at Namso and Andalsnes on April 20, were remarkably successful.

AERODROME RAIDED AND BOMBED

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—Further details of the raid on Christiansand state that about forty or fifty aircraft were drawn up on two sides of the aerodrome and one enemy machine was seen to be taking off along the runway as the British aircraft approached. Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped, principally along the runway. Incendiary bombs started a strong fire on the south side of the aerodrome near a number of aircraft.

The raid was rounded off by two British aircraft which carried out a low machinegun attack on the aerodrome hangars and buildings.

Nazis Caught Unawares Again By British

Three Fires Start As Planes Bomb Air Base

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter)—It is learned from an authoritative source that the attack on Alborg was the first British raid on a Danish air base used by the Germans for their operations in Norway.

The attack, the report continues, took the Germans completely by surprise. British aircraft approached singly and the first to reach the target area round the aerodrome found it marked with full night flying illuminations.

A large German troop air transport was coming in to land with its navigation lights on and found itself suddenly assailed by machine-gun fire from a British bomber. It quickly escaped into the clouds to avoid being shot down.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES RELEASED
Flying at a low height above the aerodrome, the British bomber then released a salvo of high explosive bombs which damaged the main hangar. Following British aircraft peppered the ground defences but they were met by heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire.

Successive attacks were made on the aerodrome at varying heights and after one attack from low levels, three fires were seen to break out.

NO LOSSES

The raid on Stavanger was carried out by a number of aircraft which attacked singly and in quick succession. Despite the anti-aircraft fire all the British aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to their base.

At Christiansand anti-aircraft fire was encountered from light gun batteries sited round the aerodrome. The guns mounted on the hills surrounding the aerodrome also opened heavy fire on the British aircraft but the only damage suffered was the loss of one trailing aerial.

RIOT BREAKS OUT IN RANGOON

RANGOON, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Eleven were killed and 68 injured in an outbreak of communal disturbances here.

Trouble began yesterday on the eve of the celebrations in honour of the prophet's birthday. Troops and Police were called out to restore order after six people had been stabbed to death. Today the Police fired on a mob of Hindus and Moslems in the street.

It is learned that one person died from gunshot wound.

Sporadic assaults occurred throughout the day.

MUSSOLINI'S ONE WORD

ROME, Apr. 22 (Reuter)—Signor Mussolini made a brief statement in connexion with the foundation of Rome and Labour Day.

He said: "At the present moment I have only one word to say. Work and arm for the greatness of the nation. That is the watchword for the whole of the Italian people."

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- Enclosure
- Water plants
- Detain
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- Rows
- Sewing implement
- Vessel
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- Cata-logged
- Tree
- Abrade
- Offer
- Quintessence
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DOWN

- Sluggish
- Continue
- Pure
- Repast
- Artificial
- Scissors
- Dormant
- Blemishes
- Crowd
- Attendant
- 17, Quietude
- 20, Head-dress
- 21, Total
- 23, Horses
- 24, Peruser
- 26, Marred
- 28, Protector
- 30, Biot out
- 32, Island

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FIGHT AT TAIHANG REFUGEE CAMP RECALLED AT SESSIONS

Manslaughter Charge Against Young Man

A FIGHT BETWEEN THREE MEN AT THE TAIHANG REFUGEE CAMP ON FEBRUARY 21, as a result of which one of the participants, who was struck down with a bamboo pole, died later in hospital, was recounted before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when a charge of manslaughter was preferred against a young man, named LI KAM.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Insp. W. N. Darkin.

The jury were — Messrs. R. H. Wild (foreman), Wong Kam-poon, Poon Kei-yeung, J. Harrop, A. R. Kinross, E. C. Hanscomb and Tsol Pak-hang.

Mr. Williams said accused and the deceased, Li Kam-ho, had known each other for some time. Accused had lived at deceased's hut as a sub-tenant, but left after a quarrel regarding payment of rent. Later, the wife of Li Kam-ho overheard accused mutter that he would kill her husband and she thereupon warned the accused that should anything happen to her husband she would hold him responsible.

That was about six months before the incident which was the basis of the charge. On Feb. 18, said Mr. Williams, a woman named Kwan Yau arrived at the refugee camp and wanted to construct a hut. Accused's price for the work was too high and next day she gave the work to a man named Wan Lam-sang.

QUARREL ENSUED

On Feb. 21, Wan and the deceased, who were brothers-in-law, went to visit the latter's nephew at the camp. About 1 p.m. they met Kwan Yau and she complained of the way the hut was built. When she had gone, the accused appeared and a quarrel ensued between the three men. Wan thought that accused, because he had been done out of the building of the hut, had in-

fluenced Kwan Yau to complain about the work.

Continuing, Mr. Williams said Wan's story was that accused got a pole from his sister's hut and ran up to strike deceased. The first blow was wasted off, but the second blow landed on Li Kam-ho's head. Wan also said that accused later secured a chopper and chased him.

According to Li Tong, a painter, proceeded counsel, accused was chased by two men with poles in their hands. Accused, who was then unarmed, picked up a pole and struck at deceased. That story was borne out by another witness.

Li Kam-ho, who was knocked unconscious, died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Feb. 22. The post-mortem revealed that there was a fracture of the skull.

In a statement to the police, accused declared that he was assaulted first, and he struck Li Kam-ho down unintentionally.

MAN UNCONSCIOUS

Dr. Y. F. Yip, of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, testified that deceased was admitted on Feb. 21. The man was unconscious and had a very rapid pulse. He was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital shortly afterwards at the request of Inspector Darkin.

His Lordship asked if it was safe then to remove the man, and witness said it was not safe but he allowed it as the Inspector wanted it. After further questions, His Lordship said he desired witness to attend court again today with his notes on the case. The Hospital's medical superintendent would also be required to attend.

In the witness-box, Wan Lam-sang stated that accused first attacked deceased and himself. This was denied by the prisoner, who said that witness started the affair by giving him two blows on the chest, and then picked up two poles and chased him.

Li Tong said accused, who was being chased by the two men, picked up a pole when he was overtaken. The two men, said witness, tried to hit the accused. In his opinion, the blow delivered by accused on Li Kam-ho was not very heavy.

Chan Yuk-lan, a woman who lived at the camp, also testified that she saw accused being chased by two men with poles.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

ARMS FOUND IN BASKET

YAU MATI SEARCH SEQUEL

Two young men, Chan Hung-fai and Cheung Tak, charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, were each sentenced by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell to three years' hard labour.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, with the following jury in attendance: Messrs. H. Wiele (foreman), A. V. Skvorzov, P. J. Tomnochy, A. C. Venshou, A. V. Remedios, E. Tjon and J. H. da Rosa.

According to the Crown, Chan was one of a small party of men stopped by the police on March 19 in Market Street, Yaumati. Chan was questioned by a detective and dropped the basket he was carrying. The basket was found to contain a Mauser pistol, two revolvers and 63 rounds of ammunition.

Chan claimed that the basket was not his and that he was carrying it for another man in the party. When charged, he said he did not know what was in the basket.

MET BY ACCIDENT

In evidence, Chan said he met Cheung Tak by accident in Yaumati and they went to a tea-house. On leaving, he was given the basket to carry by his friend, who wanted to buy cigarettes.

Cheung Tak, who pleaded guilty, said he had told Chan of what was in the basket while they were in the tea-house, but he was not sure whether Chan had heard him.

"After the jury had returned its verdict against first accused, his Lordship remarked that it appeared the prisoners were either members of a gang of robbers or arms smugglers.

VILLAGE ROBBERY

Lam Wing, who was charged before Mr. Justice Lindell yesterday with attempted robbery by two or more at Tin Sun Village, Kowloon, on March 28, was found guilty and sentenced to two years' hard labour.

STREET GAMBLING

Failing to appear before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday to answer to a charge of keeping a street gambling den, Sze Sum and Wong Yiu had their bail estreated.

Sze Sum was alleged to have conducted a gambling table in Wan-chai. A sum of \$10.13 picked up was ordered to be put in the Poor Box.

Wong Yiu was arrested by police in Hennessy Road. A sum of \$4.80 picked up was also placed in the Poor Box.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police

GENERAL

In the course of Squad Drill Competition held on Friday, April 12, 1940 at 17.15 hours at Central Police Station, the Cup presented by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, (Reserve) was won by the Emergency Unit Reserve.

KHAKI UNIFORM

Khaki Uniform will be taken into general wear, as from Monday, April 22, 1940.

CHINESE COMPANY

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, April 26 at 17.30 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander, Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, Truncheon, "Pocket Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Drill. Members of the No. 2 Platoon will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, April 26 at 17.30 hours sharp under Sub Inspector (R) William K. S. Mok. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, April 23, 1940 at 17.30 hours sharp: Constables R12 Lai Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shu Ming, R95 Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun, R169 Lau Yun Ning and R171 Ip Wa Kwal.

Training Course—Part III. The following will attend Company Headquarters for instruction in Part III of Training Course on Monday, April 22 at 17.30 hours sharp: Constables R12 Lai Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shu Ming, R95 Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun, R169 Lau Yun Ning and R171 Ip Wa Kwal.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Strength. Constable R298 Ayub Khan has been permitted to re-join from the Indian Company, as from April 19, 1940.

Training Course—Part I. The following members will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, April 24, 1940 at 17.15 hours for Squad Drill under Sub Inspector (R), Mehdi Khan: Constables R231 A. Karim, R257 A. Khan, R277 M. Afzal, R217 A. Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R240 A. Mohamed, R265 M. Hamzan, R266 K. Ali, R239 N. Hamet, R291 A. R. Feroz, R274 H. Khan, R213 M. Ali, R272 N. Nazir, R259 A. Khan, R268 G. Singh, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R702 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R706 M. Hoosen, R711 W. Abbas, R713 S. Bachi, R714 A. Khan, R716 P. R. Sharma, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Training Course—Part II. The following members of the Indian Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Monday, April 22, 1940 at 17.30 hours under P. S. R. 214 Channon Singh: Constables R212 P. Singh, R272 N. Nazir, R219 M. Y. Hussain, R229 G. Nahi, R259 A. Khan, R288 G. Singh, R288 N. Khan, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R702 M. Hayat, R704 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R706 M. Yakub, R707 A. Hamid, R708 Hoosen, R709 A. Singh, R710 H. Ahmed, R716 P. R. Sharma, R711 W. Abbas, R712 A. Rahman, R713 S. Bachi, R714 A. Khan, R715 F. Din, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part II. The following members of the Flying Squad will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Wednesday, April 24, 1940 for Part II of Training Course: Constables R304 Lam Chi Shek, R306 G. A. Woodier, R325 Cheung King Chor, R333 Lai Yim, R349 Lam Yee Cheuk, R353 Tam Pak Tat, R361 Wong Kim Lung, R362 K. H. Mann, R363 Ma King Shing, R368 Tuet Hung Cheong, and R373 Lee Chee Keung.

The following members of the Flying Squad will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, April 26, 1940 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course: Constables R339 So Manson, R356 Lee Hung Kwan, R355 H. J. Allen, R364 Lee Wan Choi, R368 Chan Wah Kuen, R369 Yau Chi

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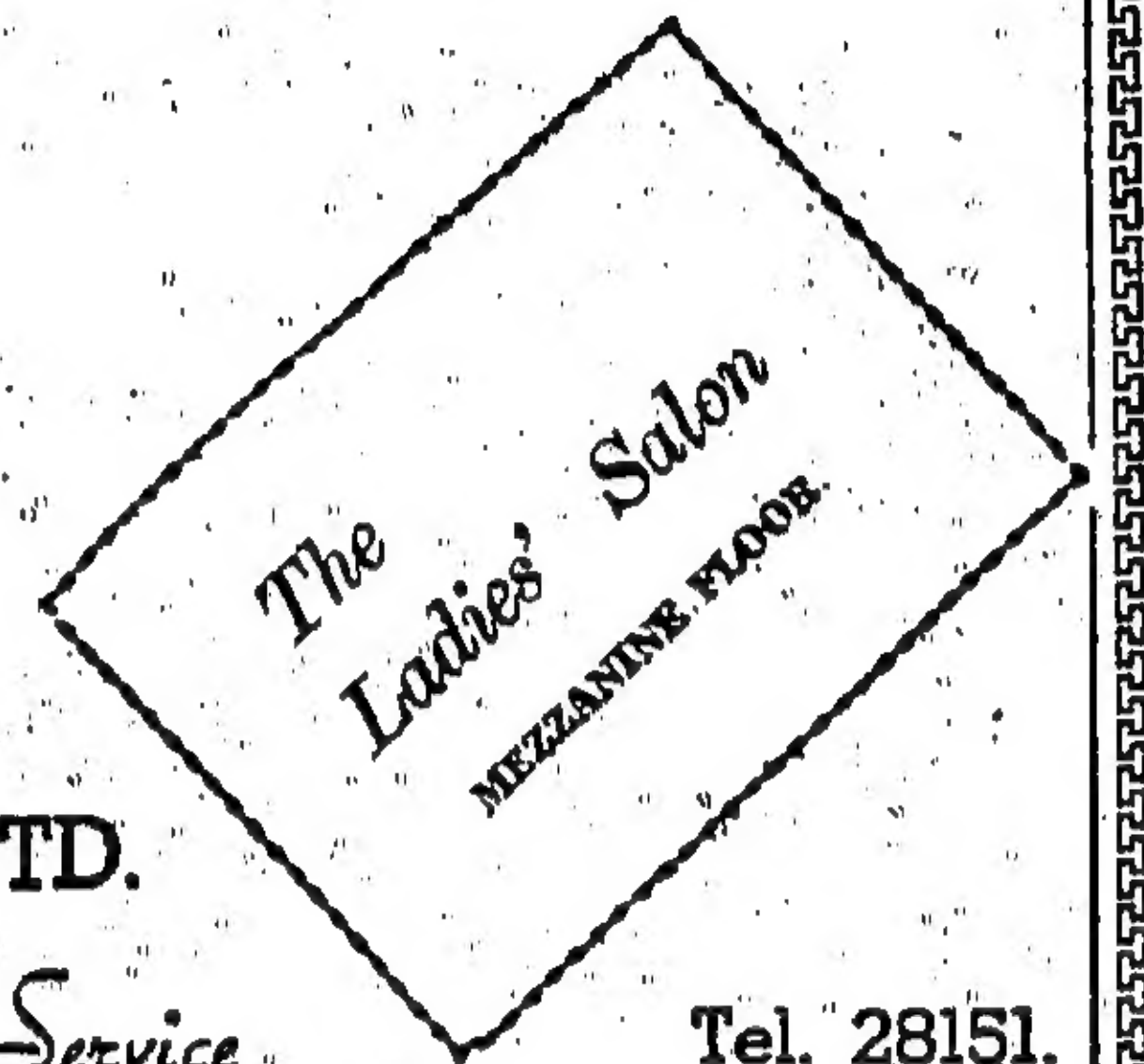
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Remarking that it was a mean form of theft to steal in the name of charity, Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court yesterday, imposed sentences totalling 12 weeks' hard labour on each of three defendants who were charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

The men were Lau Chi-kwong, Wong Ying and Cheung Choi, all unemployed. They pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining the sum of \$5 from Yip Yuen-leung outside Exchange Building on April 19, and attempting to obtain money from the inmates of No. 1, Mui Fong Street on Saturday.

Detective-Sergeant R. McVey, who prosecuted, said that the defendants were formerly employed by the Refugee Children's School of No. 318, Reclamation Street, Kowloon, to canvass for members for the school committee to support the school in January 1939. Several months later they were dismissed and it was stated that they had been collecting subscriptions since, unauthorised by the headmaster.

Complaints reached the school authorities and a report was made to the police. The defendants were arrested while attempting to obtain subscriptions at No. 1, Mui Fong Street.

TRADING JUNK ATTACKED

Hearing was continued at Kowloon Court before Mr. E. Hims-worth yesterday of the case against 12 men, charged with robbery on board a trading junk off Conic Island on Mar. 14.

The defendants are Tsol Yau, 38, Lam Loi, 36, Lam Yun, 34, Tsol Ho, 35, Lam On, 36, Chan Kuntse, 28, Ho Ping, 29, Chun Hop, 28, Wong Sul-kan, 32, Leung Kum, 48, Wong Cheung-ki, 43, and Lam Chu, 32.

It is alleged that they attacked a trading junk near Conic Island about 10 o'clock on the night of Mar. 14. It is alleged they were all armed and had fired some shots at the trading vessel.

Hearing of the case will be continued on Thursday morning.

Many Activities Of H.K. Ministering League

The following are excerpts from the report of the Hongkong Ministering League and Ministering Children's League to be presented at the annual meeting to be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday at 11 a.m.:

In spite of disturbed conditions caused by the Sino-Japanese war, and the war in Europe, the League has managed to carry on many activities during the past year, and is much indebted to the public for continued generous support.

Lady Northcote continues to be Patroness of the League, and to take a keen interest in all things pertaining to the M.C.L.

A number of changes have taken place in the general committee during the course of the year, and we welcome Mrs. H. R. Butters as Vice-President.

A very hearty vote of thanks is due to Mrs. W. Woodward, for all her hard work as General Hon. Secretary. She resigned from this post last May, and her place was filled by Mrs. O. C. Womack.

The Peak was without a Secretary for several months, and we were glad to welcome Miss Norah Price, who took over this Branch last Summer.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Goldman, who worked splendidly for the Kowloon Branch. We were very sorry to lose her, but have been most fortunate in getting Mrs. W. Sharp to take her place.

VICTORIA BRANCH

The Victoria Branch lost a very good worker in Mrs. Lelper, but is to be congratulated in having Mrs. J. Durran as the new Hon. Secretary.

We welcome Mrs. A. B. Moir as Hon. Sec. of the Quarry Bay Branch, and Mrs. A. Lade, who is

now Hon. Sec. of the Royal Navy, Dockyard and Harbour.

Many grateful thanks are due to Mrs. A. Nicol, who filled the arduous post of Hon. Treasurer for many months, resigning at the end of the year.

In her place "we are happy to welcome Mrs. Kelvin-Stark, who has recently returned from England.

While there, Mrs. Kelvin-Stark visited the Meath Home at Otter-shaw, and saw the two children who were then being maintained by our Hongkong donation.

FINANCE

Our financial year ended on March 31, 1940, the amount for allocation being \$7,725; this sum is a good deal smaller than usual and this is due not only to present conditions but also to the fact that very unfortunately two of our most valued Branches, the Prisons and the Bellis Public School for Girls, have found that they can no longer support the M.C.L.

The annual commitments of the League are as follows:—

Two endowed Cots in the M.C.L. Homes at Ottershaw, England, £60. An endowed Cot in the Children's Ward of the Netherlands Hospital, \$1,000.

The balance of the Funds has been distributed among local charities:—

Funds already allocated: 1938 \$8,920; 1937 \$9,900; 1936 \$9,888; and 1939 \$9,324.

POSSESSION OF TREE TRUNK

A fine of \$250, in default, three months' hard labour, was imposed on Chan Kau, 28, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday to the unlawful possession of a tree trunk.

The defendant was arrested by a forestry guard in a Government plantation on Saturday.

Many other cases of a similar nature were dealt with by the Magistrates yesterday and sentences ranged from \$8, or three weeks' hard labour, to two months' hard labour without the option of a fine.

ORDER FOR RETURN OF GOODS

An application was granted by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday for the return of 12 sacks of copper sulphate to Liu Sui-sang, owner of the property.

The goods, stolen by two men who had since been convicted had been sold to the Chan Sing Yee firm.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau appeared for the applicant, while Mr. F. H. Loseby represented Chan, opposing the return of the goods.

Chung, R370 Chan Chun, R372 Chu Kwok Wah, R374 Tai Wing Tak, R375 Shum Koon Ying, R376 Lam Wye Kee, R381 Chan Hung Pui, R377 Ng Yau Chou, R378 Ng Chak Ying, R379 Peter Yeung, R380 Chan Wing Fatt, and R382 Chu Chung Leung.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Training Course—Part I. All members who have not yet qualified for Squad Drill will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, April 26, 1940 at 17.15 hours. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part III. A revolver practice shoot will be held at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range on Wednesday, April 24 at 17.15 hours. Members will parade at Queens Pier at 17.05 hours. The Emergency Unit Reserve Van will be at the Queens Pier at that hour.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

B. ALVES,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th April, 1940.

THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-ninth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1940, at 11.30 a.m.

The Register of Members will be closed from Monday, the 15th day of April to Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1940, both days inclusive.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on the same date and at the same place at 11.45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the above ordinary Annual Meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution: "That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 110,000 additional shares of \$10 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Secretaries.

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THE WILL TO VICTORY

NOTHING today stands in the way of the Allied will to victory. Fierce, fixed and unanimous is their determination to destroy the menace that has so long been threatening world peace and security—a menace that was unfortunately allowed to grow to dangerous proportions before its horrible effects on the culture and rights of civilisation were realised. The destruction of this menace is admittedly going to be a formidable task, but its realisation has been brought closer daily since two democratic peoples have decided that it was still not too late to stem the tide of aggression which was threatening to overwhelm the world. The swift march of events during the past three weeks has shown that right is steadily prevailing over might. Over optimism must, of course, not be allowed to weaken the Allied resolve. The successes so far achieved against the Nazi arms must not be allowed to detract from the need there still is to strain every nerve, to make every sacrifice and to plan every move carefully and assiduously so that an unscrupulous enemy might not only be outmanoeuvred, but finally subdued and relegated to a status to which it has qualified by its barbarous methods.

THE STRUGGLE against the Nazi oppressor appears to have been brought to a head by his aggression in North Europe. There is a certain amount of justification for assuming, on the results of the Allied intervention in Norway, that a turning point of the hostilities against Germany has been reached. The most important factor in support of this assumption is that the German Navy has been rendered practically impotent and that the few units of the Nazi Fleet remaining will certainly be unable to challenge the Allied supremacy on the seas. The German fighting machine has, however, not yet been put out of commission. The remaining components of that robot-trained force—the German air and land forces—are not likely to show a weakening until they are completely broken up and the realisation is forced on them that they will not be allowed to continue any longer their cruel infringement on the rights and liberties of civilised peoples by the ruthless methods they have been adopting in the past at the behest of their power-crazed leader.

THE ALLIED spirit to win, however, has been, and remains, indomitable. The British and French war aims are unchanged and are being carried through with a tenacity of purpose which has sprung from the will to co-operate to the fullest extent in every field, to carry audacity to its limit and to grasp and hold the initiative which has so dramatically been provided them by Herr Hitler's foolhardy venture into Scandinavia. No one realises this growing strength of the will of the Allies, their quickness to seize upon one false move and the increasing antipathy of all neutral countries to his methods of warfare more than the German Fuehrer himself. Notwithstanding his bombastic utterances, his confidence has undoubtedly been severely

Children's Playgrounds Association

The following is the report of the Executive Committee of the Children's Playgrounds Association to be submitted at the eighth annual general meeting to be held at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, on Monday, April 23, at 5.15 p.m.—

FINANCIAL POSITION

The financial position of the Association was satisfactory. The Association received generous support, as in previous years, from various clubs, schools and individuals.

Many parts of the wooden fences of the playgrounds needed extensive repairs. Government was good enough to put up along the eastern border of the Southern Playground a substantial and serviceable fence of concrete concrete posts and barbed wires. A number of concrete benches were erected on the ground. It is hoped that conditions will soon settle down in the Colony and elsewhere to enable Public Works Department to continue with its good work of improving the amenities of the various playgrounds.

As a result of the great influx of people into the Colony owing to the hostilities in various parts of China, the number of children making use of the various playgrounds was greater than ever. A large number of vernacular schools carried out physical exercises for their school children in the various playgrounds.

OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION With the view of keeping closely to the objects of the Association, two applications for loan of one of the Association's playgrounds for exhibitions were refused. Similarly, steps were taken to stop the use of the grounds for the playing of small ball matches by organised grown-up teams.

A children's Sports Meeting was held at the Southern Playground on February 24, 1939, when large number of children enthusiastically took part. The President, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, kindly donated the prizes which were distributed to the winners by Lady MacGregor.

Thanks are due to Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton for auditing the accounts, and to Mr. George White and Mr. M. H. Kwok for serving as Honorary Directors of the Caroline Hill Ground and the Blake Garden Ground respectively.

The Association recorded with deep sorrow the passing-away on March 20, 1940, of Mr. Li Chor-chi who had served on the Executive Committee since 1933.

WOOLLEN COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS

TWO PRISONERS DEAD

The deaths of two prisoners formed the subject of inquiries held at the Central Court yesterday.

The prisoners were Yeung Ngan, who was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour in November last, and Tang Chin, who was serving a sentence of six months' hard labour. Both died in the prison hospital, Stanley, on April 1 and 4, respectively.

Verdicts of death by natural causes were recorded.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon sat as Coroner.

shaken to judge by his feverish attempts to bring his "friends" who had at one time appeared to have forsaken him, to his aid again. He is doubtless holding out the most subtle promises to tempt them to throw in their lot with his adventures in Europe and is trying by every means to embroil them in a cause which has shocked the civilised world. Will they succumb to his proposals of benefits to be gained by doing so? If they do, despite the fact that the Allied task will unquestionably assume greater proportions, there will be no flinching on the part of those who have taken up arms against aggression. The will to win will be redoubled until the German aggressor and whoever joins him are brought to judgment before a civilisation which they tried, and failed, to destroy.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT AT THE PENINSULA

The following is the programme for the Military Band Concert to be given at the Peninsula Hotel, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, on Sunday next:

1. March: Triumph of Right—Lovell.

2. Rhapsody: Slavonic—Friedemann. Carl Friedemann has written two Slavonic Rhapsodies, both excellent examples of the type of music of eastern Europe.

3. Selection: Community Land—arr. Stoddon.

4. Song: Salut, Demeure Chaste et Pure—Gounod. Gaston D'Aquino, Tenor. This immortal Aria from Faust is the finest one in the Opera, and contains a top C for the Tenor which requires a nicety of treatment and control.

5. Selection: Merrie England—German. Of the works of Sir Edward German the most popular selection you are about to hear includes "The English Rose," "Yeomen of England," "Robin Hood's Wedding" and the Hornpipe.

6. The Lost Chord—Sullivan.

7. Selection: Old Favourites—arr. Stoddon.

8. Accordion Trio: Geo. Pio-Ulski, Art. Carneiro, Terry Lucido playing: 1. Two Guitars; 2. The Rosary; 3. Medley of New War Songs.

9. Selection: He Wanted Adventure—Waller.

10. Fantasia: The Three Bears—Coates. Amusing Fantasia which has delighted the hearts of thousands, young and old. Eric Coates deals with the story of Goldilocks and the three Bears in skilful manner.

11. Song: Land of Hope and Glory—Elgar. Muriel Portallion, Contralto. This song is an adaptation from the Grand March Pomp and Circumstances by Sir Edward Elgar.

12. Medley: The Charm of the Waltz—arr. Winter.

13. Selection: Snow—White—Churchill.

14. Finale: Grand Military Tattoo—Rogan. Specially written by Lt. Mackenzie Rogan for the Royal Naval and Military Tournament in London 1905.

Powerful. Regimental March: Sir Manley THE KING.

Injured by a large quantity of coal falling on him, a coolie, named Mok Kau, succumbed at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday morning.

A boy received facial injuries following a minor mishap which occurred in Castle Peak Road on Sunday. A public car driver, Tak Fuk, reported to the police that while driving near the Texas Oil Company the boy dashed across the road into the off rear mud-guard.

Money Demanded By Means Of Forged Letter: Elderly Medicine Hawker Gaoled

An elderly medicine hawker, named LEUNG WING, was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on the charge of demanding \$200 by means of a forged letter from Ko Shing-long, married woman, of No. 27 Lion Rock Road. The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, sentenced him to 18 months' hard labour.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Sgt. S. Dowman. The following comprised the jury:—Messrs. E. G. Smith, (foreman), A. A. Azavedo, T. Waller, Wong Kwan-yin, Ka Yung-lui, Raymond Kan and Wong Woon-ching.

Mr. Williams said complainant's husband was in Kowloon. On February 21, she received a letter from her husband in which he mentioned that he had a friend in Yunnan who was anxious to send money to Hongkong for his son's marriage but could not find any shop willing to transfer the money.

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STAMP CHOP FORGERY The woman then noticed that the writing did not appear to be that of her husband.

Mr. Williams said the letter never passed through the Post Office and the stamp chop was a forgery.

Next day, defendant, arrived at the house and said he was the father of the sons mentioned in the letter and that they were unable to come.

The police were called, and Sergeant Dowman, who searched the defendant, found the counter-part of the slip of paper.

After defendant had been convicted, Mr. Williams said that nothing was known of the man but, at the Magistracy, a woman had seen Sergeant Dowman and told him that she recognised defendant as the person who had obtained \$200 from her some time ago also by means of a forged letter.

PHOTOGRAPH SENT The wife was instructed to pay \$300 to Lee Tai-fong, brother of the bridegroom. To identify the brother, a photograph of the man was sent with instructions that the receiver must present a similar photograph before the money was paid.

The letter roused no suspicion, and the next day a man came for the money.

On February 24, complainant received another letter stating that her husband's friend wanted to remit a further \$200 and that she was to pay \$500 if she had not already done so.

“JAPANESE SUMNER WELLES”

SPECIAL TO H. K. DAILY PRESS LONDON, Apr. 22 (Havas).—The "Japanese Sumner Welles," Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, who is at present in London, stated to the press: "I am making closed contacts between the Japanese Foreign Office and our diplomats abroad."

"I have had the opportunity of meeting a large number of prominent people and hearing many opinions. I have been able to get a general impression of the situation. My trip has no special motive behind it."

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai has already visited North America, Italy and France, and intends visiting Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, the Balkan States and Russia.

He is expected to return to England before going back to Japan.

Nazi Planes Attempt To Reach Paris PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—A number of German planes, engaged in reconnaissance flights, attempted to reach the capital but, flying at a great height, sheered off in another direction after reaching what is known as the Paris region, while French machines made several flights deep into Germany.

According to an Arlon message, a German plane crashed near Emuichateau in Belgium. It is believed that the machine has been damaged in a conflict with French fighters over French territory.

In contrast to the aerial activity, land forces on the Western Front had a very calm day.

MR. A. C. HADDON PASSES AWAY

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Mr. Alfred Cort Haddon, F.R.S., M.A., D.Sc., a famous ethnologist.

JAPANESE NAVY SECRETS KNOWN TO AMERICA

SHANGHAI, Apr. 22 (Int'l).—Japan's naval circles are taken aback by the uncanny accuracy concerning their building programme as testified by Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee in Washington, according to Tokyo report.

His description of the new ships being constructed in Japan is not denied by Japanese Navy, whose spokesman only wondered how Admiral Stark could receive such information, which is kept in utmost secrecy.

ARMED ROBBERY ALLEGED

Charged with armed robbery a No. 15, Kilung Street, from where they are alleged to have stolen \$380 and jewellery valued at \$2,700, four men, Lo Yau, 33, Yan Kwai-chiu, 33, Suh Kum, 33, unemployed, and Li Tak-ming building contractor appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday.

They were remanded three days in custody at the request of Det.-Sgt. Macpherson, prosecuting. A fifth defendant, Yu Sau, 34, a goldsmith, charged with receiving a gold wrist band and a gold brooch, knowing these to be stolen property, was also remanded in custody.

HEALTH RETURNS

Forty cases of tuberculosis, five of dysentery and one of diphtheria were reported to the Health Authorities as having occurred during the 48 hours ended at midnight on April 21.

Dramatic performances will be given by St. Andrew's Club in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Apr. 30 and May 1 at 9.15 p.m. Part of the proceeds are for charity. Tickets are \$2.20 and \$1.10 (including tax).

Mrs. Baldwin, of No. 15, Observatory Road, reported to the police last night that some person entered her house between 7 and 8 p.m. and stole a green overcoat valued at \$60, from the coatstand in the hallway.

"HITLER, THE AMATEUR STRATEGIST"

Made Sailors Victims Of Great Gamble

BRITISH NAVY NOT SO OBSOLETE AFTER ALL

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter).—"Hitler, The Amateur Strategist," was the subject of a talk from Daventry yesterday by the Naval Observer of the B.B.C. The Naval War Manual, he said, lays great stress in appreciating the situation, and he proposed to appreciate the situation in Norway.

The Royal Navy had recently been very successful off Norway and quite astonishingly so, in fact. Why, first of all, and what was Hitler's object? He wanted to overturn Norway for the transport of iron ore, and to get air bases within easy reach of the coast of Britain.

ALLIED TROOPS ADVANCING

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Trondheim, and thirdly, the Narvik section where news has been most obscure.

The British air force attacked Aalborg again last night and inflicted further damage. The air-men taking part in the second attack found a number of fires, which were started by Saturday's raid, still burning.

If Hitler relied on his own air force to defeat the British Navy he has lost twice over. He not only failed to stop the British Navy's splendid achievements, but failed to gain in superiority in the air. The control of air bases in Norway is essential for strengthening his troops.

As the Norwegian campaign develops, the German chances there of victory are getting remote. Hitler is expected to make another wild stroke to save his face and observers in Europe are speculating who may draw the next number in the sinister lottery.

TAKING NO CHANCES

Germany's neighbours are taking no chances and noted disquieting signs are now prevailing. In north Sweden, it provided fresh reason for this, preparedness by repeated German aircraft flying over Swedish territory. The number is reported to be 28 and certainly four have been put out of action, one by Swedish fighters, two made forced landings and the last crashed into the sea near Gothenburg.

The points at which the planes were seen do not give the impression that they were strayed machines losing their way.

It is suggested in some quarters that the Germans are trying to photograph Swedish defences while others ask whether they are attempting to find out the positions of Sweden's anti-aircraft defences.

The people are sharing the press indignation of the violation of Swedish neutrality and it is reported that the Swedish Minister in Berlin is strongly protesting against the violation of Swedish territory by German aircraft.

Reliable reports received in London today indicate that Norwegian troops are recovering from the effects of demoralisation caused by treachery.

It is contended that the Germans would never have sent troops to Narvik without having command of the sea, nor would they have landed troops by parachute if they had expected resistance.

COMPLETELY CONFUSED

As far as landings of British troops are concerned, the German appeared to have been completely confused. Reliable information received in London shows that hitherto the British landings were carried out very successfully with practically no losses.

The country in which the British are in operation is very difficult and mountainous, requiring the employment of small mobile forces. The only artillery which can be utilised is light mountain guns.

It is understood that the Norwegians are rallying very successfully and, in a number of places, the British have made contact with them.

In eastern Norway especially the British and Norwegian contact was established very successfully and more speedily than could have been anticipated.

No confirmation is available of the reported capture of Elverum and Hamar.

GARRISON ISOLATED With Trondheim threatened by Allied forces both from the north and south, a German column from Oslo is apparently trying to fight its way across the country to relieve the garrison isolated in the town, says Reuter's military correspondent.

So far, the Norwegians have

Which, among his possible courses of action, was best for him to adopt? Hitler obviously decided to employ the same tactics that he had used in the past. Dr. Goebbels was probably confident that the propaganda situation in Scandinavia was 100 per cent., and it was likely that he had every reason for his confidence, for the British have been slow to realise the value of propaganda.

HITLER BLUNDERS

Admiral Raeder, no doubt, pointed out the various difficulties attending an action on a country with such a long coastline exposed to the enemy. Hitler, probably replied with his old slogan that the British Navy was an obsolete plaything and that it would have little chance of proving effective as Norway would automatically capitulate.

This conflict between an expert and an amateur led to some amazing disposition of German ships. The first convoy to Oslo seems to have been well-escorted by naval craft, but then destroyers, which are of great value in this sort of work for combating submarines (such as attacking transports) were then sent up into Narvik Fjord.

Soon afterwards the Renown sighted a battle cruiser and a cruise which only managed to escape in a blinding snow-storm. These, too, were on their way to Narvik, presumably, but it was dangerous to send them to be bottled up in a fjord like that, where they were open to attacks by mines, from the air, and so on.

SAILORS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC

One could not blame the German seamen for being half-hearted. Those who understand naval tactics must have realised that they were being made the victims of a wild gamble. They must have appreciated the principle that you must concentrate your forces, not split them up on a wide front when faced with superior odds.

The Naval Observer said that he had talked with an officer of a destroyer which captured a German supply ship whose master must be familiar to many, for he had commanded a trans-Atlantic liner to Europe.

When taken prisoner and asked his own opinion of what he was trying to do, he shrugged his shoulders and said bitterly that orders were orders. He admitted that his chances of getting through to Narvik were very remote but he had to obey orders to do that.

On Saturday, which was Hitler's birthday, two more transports were sunk by the British Navy. The Naval Observer concluded: "I wonder if Hitler, the great amateur strategist, still insists that the British Navy is an obsolete plaything."

F.M.S. GIFT

SINGAPORE, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Legislative Council approved of the £1,000,000 gift to the British Government for Imperial Defence.

succeeded in barring the way with the stand they made at Kongsvinger and later at Elverum. The time thus gained is of the utmost value for the Allied expedition which is now in a position not only to prevent the Germans, from Oslo, from reaching Trondheim, but to isolate both Trondheim town and the fjord.

It would appear, however, the correspondent adds, that this is only one of the Allied objectives. Scandinavian reports that British troops have landed at Andalsnes, south of Trondheim, and made a dash to meet the Germans on the eastern side of Lake Mjøsa, indicate that Oslo itself may be the main objective.

BRITISH NERVES ARE PRESERVED FOR SOMETHING ELSE THAN EXCITED HEEL-CLICKING

STOCKHOLM, APR. 22 (REUTER).—IT IS BELIEVED THAT GEN. CARTON DE WIART COMMANDS THE BRITISH TROOPS IN NORWAY and Swedish paper correspondents are much impressed by the difference in atmosphere prevailing with the British compared with what they have seen at the German Staff quarters at Trondheim.

One correspondent says: "British nerves are preserved for something else than excited saluting and heel-clicking and heroic postures every minute of the day as displayed by the Germans. With the British, an atmosphere of informal efficiency prevails which is most impressive."

CONCEALMENT SKILL

Another feature which struck neutral observers is the British soldier's skill in concealment. Immediately an air raid warning is given, they state, the British troops disappear "like leaves in a gust of wind and no German observer plane, however low-flying, would seem to have detected a single khaki uniform."

It seems that the transport of British troops below Gudbrandsdal is now in full swing. Their equipment and armament arouse admiration but nothing is known about their total numbers.

NAZIS SEIZE AMERICAN LORRIES IN BERGEN

Big Shipment Taken Over To Transport Troops

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—One of the great military mysteries of the German campaign in Southern Norway—how they transported troops through the country quickly—has been revealed here.

The Germans seized four hundred American lorries, valued at U.S. \$350,000 at Bergen.

Appendicitis Operation At Sea

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The entire squadron of cruisers and destroyers, returning from Norway, stopped one hour while a warship's surgeon performed an operation of acute appendicitis.

All the vessel formed a protective ring round the warship during the halt.

During the operation a German flyingboat delivered an attack, one bomb bursting near a destroyer but no damage was done.

NAVAL AWARDS

The full list of Naval awards to members of the Casack's boarding party, which rescued the English prisoners on the Altmark has arrived and may be inspected in this office. The latest list of casualties in the R.A.F. is also available for inspection.

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Dutch trawler, Erin of Ymuiden, was machine-gunned in the North Sea by a German plane but the Erin succeeded in reaching port.

DENMARK - INVADED THREE TIMES IN 100 YEARS

TWICE BEFORE, in the last hundred years, Denmark has suffered invasion from Germany, in 1848 and in 1864.

NEW CONSTITUTION

In January, 1848, King Christian VIII proclaimed a new Danish constitution which incorporated the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein in the Danish State.

The Duchies demanded that they should be incorporated as a State in the German Confederation and Prussian troops were marched into Holstein.

BISMARCK'S TRICK

After peace had been signed between Denmark and Prussia, in

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has also furnished triumphant proof of the value of seapower. The result of the clash, in which the Germans may well have hoped to damage our Fleet severely, has been, in fact, to cripple their own so that, at the moment, our relative preponderance is greater than it was a fortnight ago and we find ourselves in a position to make other use of a proportion of our Naval forces if the international situation should appear to demand it.

"If people are, as is natural, eagerly waiting for news they are doing so in a spirit of calm, feeling that this crisis has been competently and rapidly met and that a good beginning has been made in repairing the damage done by Germany's foul blow."

This report, which has been received by reliable diplomatic sources in Washington seems to clear up the enigma which has been puzzling military observers ever since the invasion of Norway started.

Military observers were puzzled at the speed with which the German troops were taken through Norway. Where and how did the Germans obtain the heavy motorised units required for this?

Now it appears that the entire shipment of four hundred lorries made in Detroit for military use in Finland was seized and driven from Bergen by the Germans on the first day of the invasion.

ORDERED BY FINLAND

The lorries were ordered by Finland before the armistice with Russia and they were bound for Helsingfors for work in connection with the defence preparations and reconstruction work. They were shipped from New York and reached Bergen two days before the invasion started, and it was intended to drive them overland to Helsingfors.

LIFEBELTS FOR BRITISH NAVY

MELBOURNE, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Australia has received an order for 20,000 lifebelts for the use of the British Navy. The lifebelts have been specially designed in Australia.

1850, the dispute dragged on for several years. The trouble came to a head again in 1863. On Christmas Eve Saxon and Hanoverian troops marched into Holstein.

Bismarck played one of his smartest tricks by making the Danish government believe that Great Britain had threatened to defend Denmark.

Denmark defied Prussia and German troops crossed the Elbe on February 1, 1864.

The campaign was soon over, and on August 1 the King of Denmark resigned both Duchies to the Emperor of Austria and the King of Prussia.

125 YEARS OF PEACE

Norway has not been involved in a war since 1814, in which year the Danish King ceded Norway to Sweden.

Norway became a "free, independent and indivisible kingdom, united with Sweden under one King," and with an independent Parliament of her own.

The union lasted until 1905, when it was dissolved after a Norwegian plebiscite.

Prince Charles of Denmark, whose wife, was Princess Maud, the youngest daughter of King Edward VII, was elected King of Norway under the name of Haakon VII.

Since the beginning of this war, Norway and Denmark have together lost 80 ships, with the loss of nearly 700 lives, as a result of Nazi piracy.

Norway has suffered more than any other neutral State. She has lost 52 merchant ships, of a total tonnage of 120,000, and 392 lives.

Hamar Is Retaken

BRITISH TROOPS SUCCESSFUL

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (Reuter).—Unconfirmed reports here state that British troops have recaptured Hamar. The reports are given much reserve, but they follow a Norwegian official announcement.

British troops, equipped with tanks and other heavy armament, are reported to have come partly by rail and partly by road.

Colonel Weiss, German Commander of Trondheim, is reported to be making hurried preparations to meet the Allied attacks from North and South.

GERMANS LEAVE HAMAR

PARIS, April 22 (Reuter).—Allied troops are continuing to pour into Norway without suffering any losses. Not a single Allied troops transport or supply ship was sunk either through naval or air action.

Military quarters here are naturally most cautious as regards military operations in the Trondheim district and merely asserted that the plan of the campaign is being methodically applied.

Between the Gommen river and the Halling valley, the Norwegians are withdrawing towards new positions under pressure of two German divisions, amply provided with the most modern war material.

Press reports from Sweden assert that the British and Norwegians have occupied Hamar. It is believed that the Germans have evacuated Elverum.

ITALY ADMITS ALLIED LANDING

ROME, April 22 (Havas).—Admitting for the first time in leading articles that French forces are in Norway, Italian military correspondents in Scandinavia forecast a lengthy and difficult war in Norway.

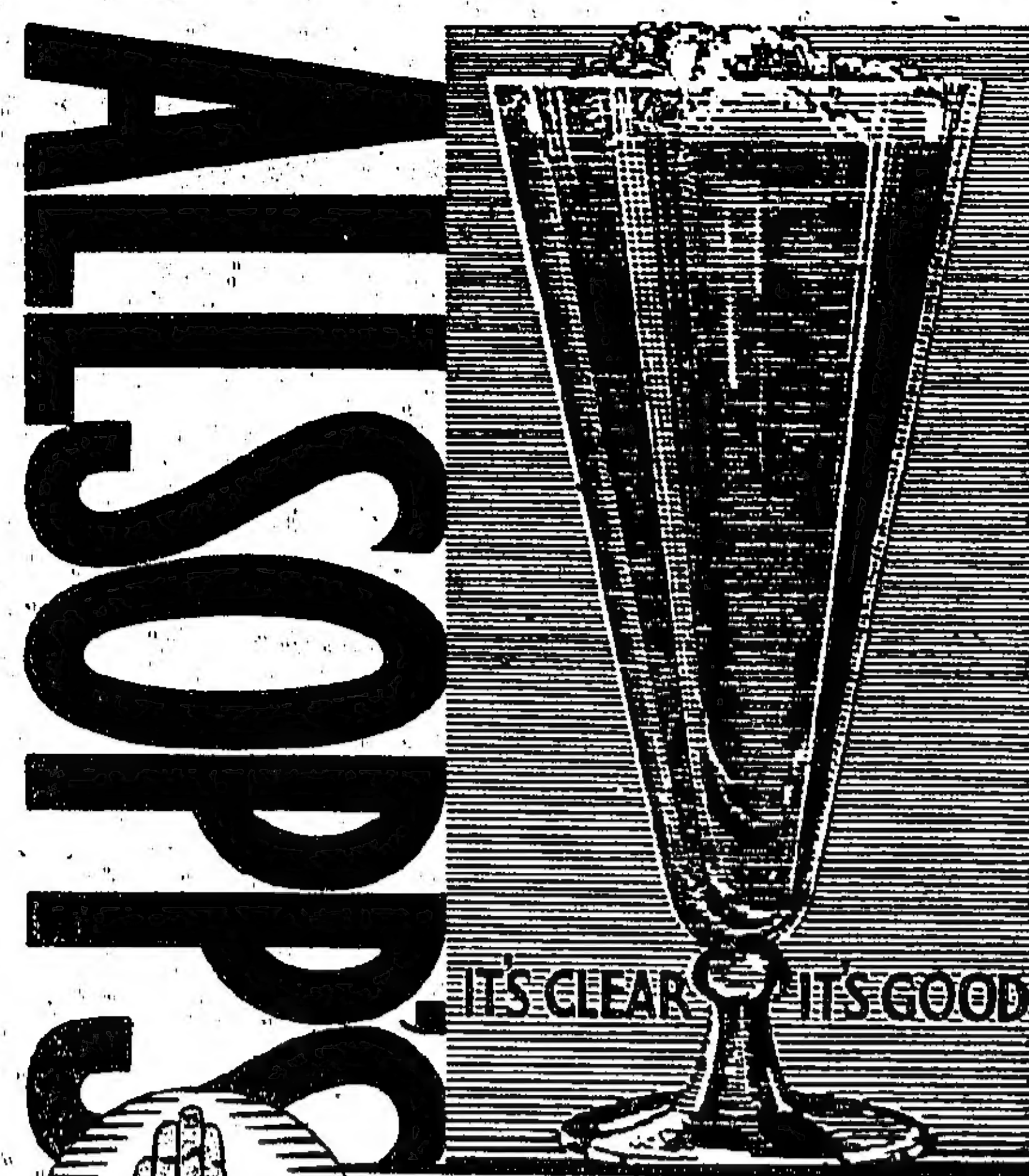
According to these correspondents the Allies landed at three places, namely Namsos, Molde and Laerdal. Allied troops at Namsos are estimated at two British and one French divisions, the latter consisting of "crack" Chassurs Alpine regiments.

The correspondents believed that the Allies will soon be landing at Orkadal, 35 kilometers south of Trondheim. The Germans are believed to be firmly entrenched there.

PLANES OVER BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The communiqué which states that foreign planes flew over Belgian territory yesterday, this morning states that several were recognised as German and two identified as British.

The anti-aircraft defences took vigorous action and protests will be made in London and Berlin.



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EVEN ITALY DESIRES AN ALLIED VICTORY

Paper Warns That Norway May Be A Feint

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter).—Two phases of the war in the North were dealt with by two British newspapers on Sunday.

The Spectator says that the neutrals are likely to be convinced only by military success.

Every neutral, even Italy apart from some of the Fascist leaders, desired an Allied victory, so that the immediate result of a serious setback to Hitler in Scandinavia would be a pronounced swing to the Allied side.

The Allied troops therefore must be poured into Norway until they outnumber any German troops which can be sent there by sea or by air.

The Catholic paper Tablet partly supports this view but adds a warning against any clamouring for more ships to be sent to the Skagerrak and more forces landed in Norway.

The paper points out that the Allied General Staffs must consider the possibility that the German invasion may be intended merely as a gigantic diversion.

The Norwegian venture may be merely a feint and a real thrust may be made through Holland and Switzerland or Belgium.

While therefore the Allies must take advantage of Germany's strategic weakness in Norway, they must be fully prepared for the real theatre of war being carried on elsewhere at a moment's notice.

GERMANS TRAPPED

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—In the past few days, half of Trondheim's 70,000 inhabitants have evacuated to the hills outside the town.

Round Narvik German forces are said to be virtually trapped. A constant stream of German aeroplanes is seen flying towards Narvik.

It is believed that they are taking provisions rather than troops as food is very short there.

DIFFICULT TERRAIN

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—According to a message from Norway the presence of British troops in eastern Norway has come as a surprise and has greatly cheered the Norwegians.

The nature of the country in this area will considerably assist the Allied forces since any further German advance will have to be made over difficult terrain.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE PACT

MUST REMAIN IN THE AIR

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—No further Russian views on the new trade agreement with Britain are expressed pending a reply to the statement by Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, to M. Maisky, Russian Ambassador in London.

So long as Russia allows goods to pass through her country for Germany, an Anglo-Soviet trade agreement must remain in the air.

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Commenting on the possibility of trade talks between Britain and Russia, the newspaper Le Matin, says: "We hope England and France will distinguish clearly the risk of such negotiations."

"A policy that resulted in making M. Stalin an arbiter, even at the price of a new betrayal—this time at the expense of Germany—would be full of danger."

TEA STOLEN

Nineteen chests of tea, valued at \$927, were stolen between sunset on Sunday and yesterday morning from the godown of Oilier Chine in Des Voeux Road, West. The lock of the godown door was found to have been forced.

Decrease In Sales Reported By Union Waterboat Co.

THE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN EUROPE AND ITS EFFECT ON SHIPPING IN HONGKONG were given as reasons for the decrease in water sales by the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, chairman of directors of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., at the Company's 35th annual general meeting yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. Dodwell said:— "Water Sales are 5,898 tons less than in 1938, and this is due to the outbreak of War, which has resulted in fewer ships making use of this port. Up to the end of August, our average daily sales were higher than the previous year."

PROFIT ON WORKING

The Profit on Working is \$61,844.62, some \$2100 above the figure shown for 1938. This is offset by a decrease in the Interest Account of about \$1,950, and Dividends on Investment of about \$700, giving us a net decrease of \$540.23 as compared with the previous year.

You will observe a big increase in the depreciation figure shown, which is higher by some \$7,200 than last year. Our Auditors have revised the schedule, and the entire fleet has now been depreciated on the basis of 4 per cent, whereas previously waterboats Nos. 7 and 9 were depreciated on the basis of 2 1/2 per cent. This gives us a difference of \$2,800, and the new Waterboat No. 4 is responsible for the balance of \$4,600.

After making allowance for depreciation on Waterboats, Launch and Furniture, the net profit for the year under review is \$41,663.54 to which has to be added \$2,084.65 brought forward from last account, leaving for appropriation the sum of \$43,748.19, with which it is proposed to deal as follows:—

To transfer to General Reserve	\$10,000.00
To transfer to Staff Leave and Contingency A/c	2,181.44
To transfer to Special Repairs A/c	5,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 60 cents per share on 38,813 shares	23,287.80
To carry forward to next account	3,278.95
	\$43,748.19

WAR AGAINST MALARIA

Immediate need of \$150,000 to buy quinine and hydrochloride to combat malaria epidemics in five Chinese provinces has been announced by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, National Chairman of the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, says Havas.

Col. Roosevelt made public an appeal from Dr. Robert K.S. Lim, Director of the Medical Corps of the National Red Cross Society of China, according to which "malaria is rampant on many fronts, especially in Hupeh, Hunan, Kiangsi, Kwangtung, and Kwangsi".

Donations To B.W.O. Fund

The following subscriptions have been received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:—

Previously Acknowledged \$508,218.18; B. S. Carter (Monthly) \$25; L. Blair (Monthly) \$10; R. D. Gillespie (Monthly) \$50; Richard Hancock (Monthly) \$25; Chang Wal Cheong \$424; Hongkong Football Club (7 a-side Tournament) \$1,279.98; Walter Brown \$100; Anonymous \$5; The Hongkong Philharmonic Society Musical Comedy at the Queen's Theatre Dec. 1939 \$1,180.07; S. Crawford \$15; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Dodwell \$250; Anonymous \$10; E. Mosey \$10; B.E.F. (1914-1918) \$10; Miss F. E. Cameron and Mr. A. Hamilton in memory of the late Mr. A. J. J. Martin \$5; Kowloon Dock Recreation Club (to St. Dunstan's) \$374.50; Capt. E. Lossius (March and April) \$20; Lam Fook Lye (Monthly) \$20; John Forbes (Monthly) \$25; D. C. Davis (Monthly) \$25; Davies, Brooke and Gran (Monthly) \$70; Anonymous \$10; The Wah Yan College War Relief Assn. \$100; Anonymous \$20; D. W. Hume \$10; Members of No. 2 Platoon, H.K. V.D.C. \$20; M. G. Carruthers (Monthly) \$30; \$511,921.95.

Govt. Telephone System Expedited & Safeguarded

SPECIAL TO THE H. K. DAILY PRESS

ALTHOUGH CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY FLOURISH OF TRUMPETS OR OTHER FORMAL CEREMONY, the change over of the Government telephone system to the automatic type on Sunday morning, marks an important step in safeguarding the system in an emergency.

The automatic exchange which controls all Government lines is housed in the basement of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building in specially secure chambers which could withstand damage in the event of air raids, and preserve the system which is so important in the working of the Colony's A. R. F. and other essential organisations.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The new system is a great improvement on the old-fashioned hand-operated-plug-in type which was used by the Government. With the taking over of the system by the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., all inter-Governmental calls are made by the caller dialling the required number without having to ring up the exchange and ask for the number required and then wait for the operator to connect. The new system is a definite saving in time.

As far as public calls for Government Departments are concerned, the caller still has to dial "39" and then give the required extension number to the operator. With the dialling of the number by the Government operator, his duty is over as far as that particular call is concerned. He does not have to wait until the caller has finished speaking to disconnect, nor does he have to call back and say "Number Engaged." The automatic system does all that for the caller as soon as the operator has dialled the required number.

WORKED REDUCED

As a result, the work formerly done by five operators is now accomplished by two. Instead of sitting before an upright exchange board, they sit at a flat desk equipped with a few switches and a dial. When a number is required a light appears. The operator asks: "Number Please?" He then

dials the required number; and the automatic system does the rest. "The work is ever so much easier now," the supervisor at the new Exchange told a representative of the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday. "The old system was very fatiguing, while this is most pleasant and so easy too."

SPECIALLY ORDERED

It was explained to our representative that some 500 lines are operated by the new system. On inquiry by the pressman as to why these 500 automatic exchange operating units could not be used to meet the needs of public who are clamouring for more telephones, he was informed that they were specially ordered for three-figure units and could not be used for operating five-figure calls.

PASSENGERS

ARRIVALS FROM MANILA

The following passengers arrived in the Colony yesterday:

Mr. R. Frankenberg, accompanied by his wife, en route to San Francisco. Mr. Frankenberg is Department Manager for the Philippine American Drug Co.

Mrs. A. Torrey, wife of Colonel Torrey, U.S. Army, en route to San Francisco.

Mr. R. A. McKibben, accompanied by his wife and 2 children, en route to San Francisco. Mr. McKibben is an Executive of the General Electric Co.

Mr. Trail, connected with the Churchill and Tait Shows, en route to San Francisco.

Comdr. L. R. Moore, U.S.N., accompanied by his wife, en route to San Francisco after a tour of duty with the U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

General Syer, U.S. Army, retired, accompanied by his wife, en route to San Francisco.

Mrs. H. Yaras, accompanied by

her two children, en route to Los Angeles. Mrs. Yaras is the wife of Mr. Herman Yaras, of the Marsman Trading Corp.

Mrs. I. S. Carvalho, wife of the Consul from Portugal, en route to Kobe.

Mr. W. Weingarten, Supervisor for the United States Life Insurance Corp., en route to Shanghai.

Major G. Pilkington, accompanied by his wife.

Mr. H. Hagedorn, son of Mr. F. C. Hagedorn, of Norton and Harrison, en route to San Francisco.

Mr. A. F. Mossesgeld, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Mossesgeld is professor of the College of Commerce, University of Santo Tomas.

DUE TO ARRIVE

The following passengers are due to arrive at Hongkong on May 1:—

Mr. C. Coral, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Durrschmidt, Mr. Rudolf Frim, Mr. I. H. Geare, Mrs. Mary Muckley, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and daughter, Mr. C. M. Williams, Miss Kay Wong Ling, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bradford, Mr. W. K. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crane and daughter.

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SHUMCHUN WELFARE WORK

The Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations, Hongkong Branch, will hold its April tiffin meeting on Friday, April 28, at 12.45 p.m. in the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

Mr. Percy Chen, chairman of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre, will be the speaker and will exhibit a moving picture showing the conditions at Shumchun and among the farmers in that area. He will also give a running commentary on the work being done and about the problems of rural rehabilitation.

Members are requested to make their reservations at the Hongkong Hotel before noon Thursday, April 25.

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., April 22.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.97 ins.
Temperature, 58 F.
Humidity, 83 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Temperature, maximum yesterday, 75 F.
Temperature, minimum last night, 66 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.04 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st 16.62 ins.
Against an average of 9.76 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5.57 a.m.
4 p.m., April 22.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.87.
Temperature, 57 F.
Humidity, 88 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 70 F.
Minimum temperature, 66 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 23 to 29 Apr. 1940.		High Water.		Low Water.	
Day of Week	Day of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	23	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		09 41	7 1	03 34	2 4
		23 05	8 5	16 23	2 8
Wed.	24	10 20	7 3	03 55	2 7
		23 59	8 2	17 10	2 8
Thur.	25	10 55	7 2	04 20	2 9
		00 53	4 7	04 58	3 2
Fri.	26	11 30	7 0	05 20	3 2
		01 55	4 5	05 30	3 6
Sat.	27	12 05	6 7	05 40	3 6
		02 05	4 3	06 04	4 1
Sun.	28	12 49	6 3	06 48	4 1
		04 58	4 4	08 45	4 8
Mon.	29	13 00	5 8	09 52	5 0

Finance and Commerce

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	MONDAY 22. APRIL.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Bank								
\$1800	H.K. Banks	\$1500	...	...	...
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	...
...	Chartered Bank	...	...	...	...
...	Maritime Bk.	...	...	...	...
...	Maritime Bk. "C"	...	...	...	...
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Bank	...	...	...	...
...	Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	...
...	Shipping	...	...	...	...
...	Douglas	...	...	...	...
...	Steamships	...	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...	...
...	Waterboats	...	...	...	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	...
...	Provident	...	...	...	...
...	Provident (new)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks C.R.T.	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks X.Rta.	...	...	...	...
...	do Rta.	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...	...
...	Kailash	...	...	...	...
...	Banks	...	...	...	...
...	Venezuela Gold Fdn	...	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Hotels	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	...
...	Humphreys	...	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	Ewo. (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	Tramways	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Tram (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Star Ferry	...	...	...	...
...	Ymat Ferry	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new)	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights Rta.	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric	...	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Light	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Tractions	...	...	...	...
...	Tractions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Industries	...	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Iron	...	...	...	...
...	Cement	...	...	...	...
...	Ropes	...	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farm	...	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farm	...	...	...	...
...	Ch. E. Investments	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	...
...	Sinco	...	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...	...
...	Ch. G.S. 1936 S.B.	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. 5% Loan
...	H.K. Wing On
...	S'hai Wing On
...	Vibro Piling
...	Maraman Inv. (Lon.)
...	Maraman Inv. (H.K.)
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...	*Sales to Shanghai

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BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1500.
Bank of E. Asia, \$73.
Docks Cum. Rts., \$213.
Docks X. Rts., \$1940.
Providents, \$435.
H.K. Mines, 5 cts.
China Lights, \$7.90.
H.K. Electrics, \$85.
Telephones (O), \$28.90.
Telephones (N), \$10.30.
H.K. Ropes, \$5.
Watsons, \$2.35.
Wm. Powell, \$1.
Entertainments, \$6.80.

SELLERS

Docks Cum. Rts., \$22.
Tramways, \$12.
China Lights, \$8.20.

SALES

H and S. Hotels, \$44.
H.K. Electrics, \$85.
Cements, \$17.

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HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Monday, April 22, 1940.

Cements	500	\$17.00
H.K. Electrics	200	65.50
	200	65.50
	500	65.50
H.K. Wharves	500	99.50

The total value is \$68,275.00.

THE NEAR EAST AND CHINA

KUNMING, Apr. 22 (Central)—Countries in the Near East all firmly believe that China is able to lead weak nations to resist aggression, said Mr. Ai Sha, leader of the Chinese Mohammedans Goodwill Mission to the Near East, in a speech here yesterday. The intellectual classes there, he added, are overwhelmingly sympathetic with China's cause.

Mr. Ai also said that King Faruk I of Egypt recently conducted a

FOREIGN TRADE OF AMERICA

Unbalanced Nature Of Increase

The sharply unbalanced character of the increase in American foreign trade since the outbreak of the European war was stressed here by the National Foreign Trade Council in an analysis of import and export figures for the last six months, says Havas.

The increase was steep: during the war period from September 1939 to February 1940, exports rose \$392,000,000 and imports \$248,000,000, in comparison with the same period of 1938/39. The gain was not general, however; the Council pointed out. It was confined to a relatively narrow field while some agricultural and manufactured products not only failed to gain, but showed a sharp export decline.

Cotton exports showed the largest increase in the period under review, gaining \$112,000,000 over the September-January period a year ago. Soya bean exports—a new item in the export list—jumped 459 per cent., although the volume was still relatively small. Aluminum exports rose 323 per cent. The exports of iron and steel products rose \$85,000,000, those of aircraft engines \$48,000,000 and those of machinery \$35,000,000.

LEAF TOBACCO SLUMP

Chief among the export declines were leaf tobacco, wheat and flour, passenger cars, automobile parts and accessories, and fresh apples. Leaf tobacco exports slumped \$2,000,000 or 70 per cent., a factor which threatens to cripple the tobacco industry and has become the subject of diplomatic discussions. The passenger car trade fell off \$12,000,000, wheat and flour exports \$10,000,000, automobile parts \$7,000,000.

"These losses," said the Council, "can be attributed to a number of important causes, the most dominating being war economy measures in different countries. Conservation of financial resources for purchasing war essentials was necessary and restrictions on American private loans to belligerents prevented them from making normal purchases of leaf tobacco, fresh, dried, and canned fruits, oranges, furs, and passenger automobiles. High prices of American wheat, flour, and corn prevented our producers from supplying world demand more extensively."

special religious service to pray for China's victory and that President Inonu of Turkey had asked him to pay respects to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on his behalf.

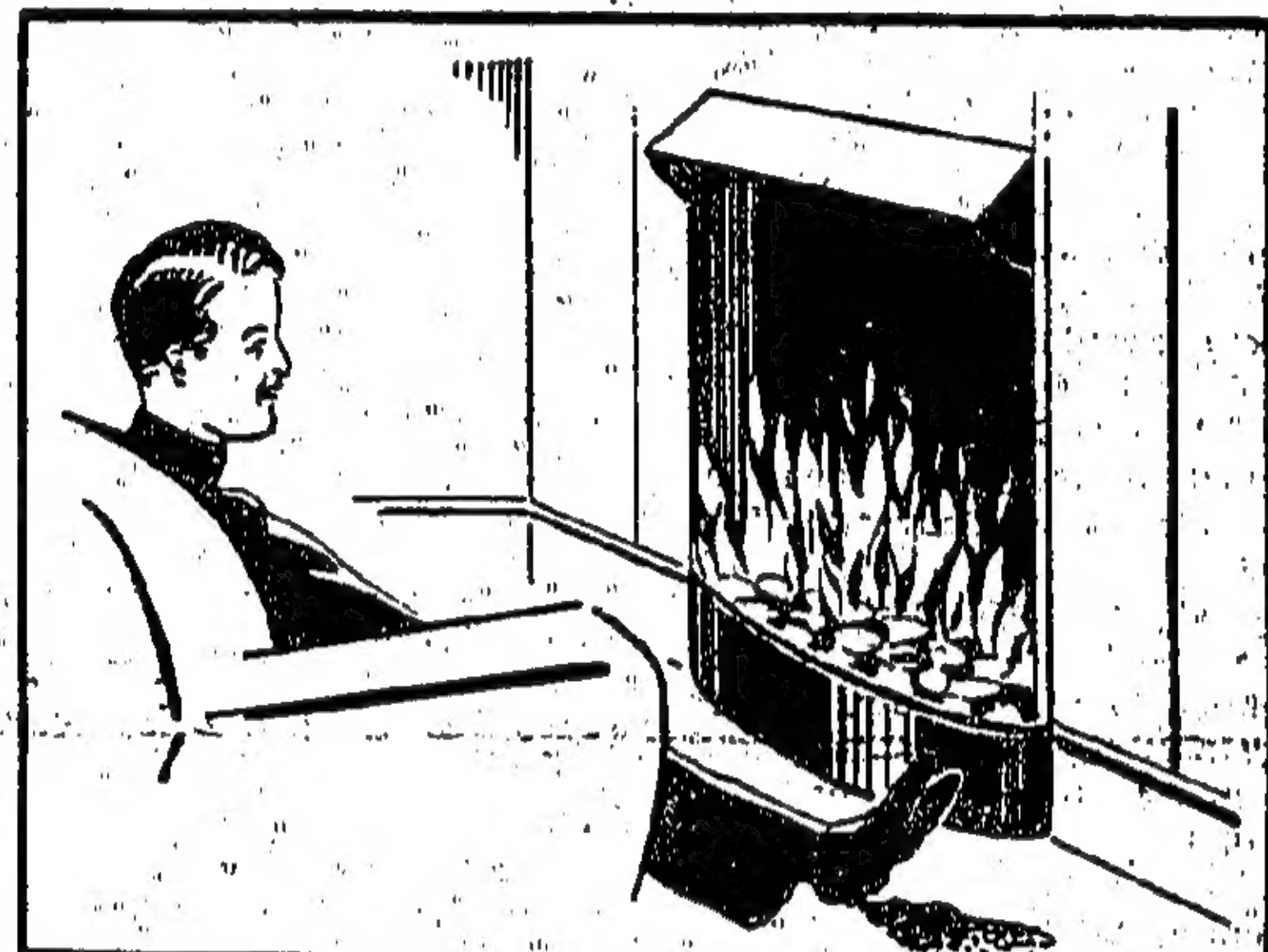


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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS
APRIL 22, 1940.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16	
Credits 4 months sight 1 1/8	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	350
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 1/2
On Japan:	
On demand	92
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer	52 1/4
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 21 5/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 22 1/2	
On Batavia:	
On demand	40 1/8
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 5/8	
Credits 4 months sight 114 0	
On Saigon:	
On demand	108 1/4
On Manila:	
On demand	43 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	150
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	1/4
Bar Silver per oz.	30 7/8

Market Report

FROM KOZA BROS

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 20.13/16 for Forward and 20.7/8 for Ready. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 353.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/27/8 April/September and 1/27/32 October/December buyers at 1/2-29/32 Cash 1/27/8 December.

U.S. Dollars

A small business was done at 21 3/4 for May delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 21.13/16 Cash, 21.3/4 April, probably May, 21.11/16 June and probably 21.5/8 July, buyers at 21.7/8 Cash, 21.13/16 first half May, 21.3/4 June and probably 21.11/16 July.

Sellers at 41 for Spot, Shanghai Market. Sellers of Sterling at 4.1/8 for Spot and U.S. at 6.1/32 for Spot. Quietly steady.

Market

Business was done at 1/29/32 for April and May. The market closed with sellers at 1/29/32 April and 1/27/8 October, buyers at 1/2.15/16 Cash and probably 1/29/32 September.

U.S. Dollars

Some business was done at 21.7/8 for Cash and 21.13/16 first half of May. The market closed with sellers at 21.13/16 April, 21.3/4 May, 21.11/16 June, and 21.5/8 July, with small buyers at 21.7/8 Cash, 21.13/16 May, 21.3/4 June and probably 21.11/16 July.

Sellers at 38.1/4. Shanghai Exchange. Shanghai, Apr. 22 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/4	0/4
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	23-1/2	23-1/2
India	22-1/8	22-1/8
Paris	2-9/4	2-9/4
Hongkong	26-3/4	26-3/4

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-1/8	0/4-1/8
Apr.	0/4-1/16	0/4-5/64
May	0/3-29/32	0/3-29/32
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	\$6-1/32	\$6-1/32
Apr.	5-31/32	5-31/32
May	5-11/16	5-11/16

Market: Quiet. Merchant Rates. Sterling, 0/4-3/32. U.S. Dollars, \$6. Silver Duty Rate. The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2. The Equalisation rate was 9-3/4 per cent.

U.S. PLANE PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Havas).—By the end of the present year the United States will have a production capacity of 25,000 planes yearly, Captain Towers, Chief of the Navy Department Bureau for Aeronautics, declared in a statement before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, April 20, 1940.

	Previous	April 20	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER			
Spot	35-3/4	35-7/8	36 cts. up 1/8
July-Sept.	34-5/8	34-3/4	unch.
Oct.-Dec.	33-3/4	33-7/8	34 up 1/8

The market was steady.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
LONDON RUBBER			
Spot	11	11	
May	11-1/16	11-1/16	
July-Sept.	11-1/8	11-1/8	
Oct.-Dec.	11-1/16	11-1/16	

NEW YORK COTTON: A broad demand developed after the opening call under a moderate amount of new speculative purchases. The South and Bombay interests were small sellers. The weather in the Eastern belt is now less favourable than formerly.

NEW YORK RUBBER: A feature was the switching from near to distant months. The Trade bought near the close with dealers hedging against shipment purchases.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Rains and cooler weather in the South-West caused an early easiness, but there has been no pressure, except by local interest evening-up. Prices rallied later on some replacement of sold out lines on further reports of frost damage.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.80; Today's close, 147.87; Change, up 87.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev.	Today's	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.75	10.69	10.71	10.75	.04 up
New York Rubber, May	19.77	19.58	19.77	19.58	.19 off
Chicago Wheat, May	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2	11 1/4	1/4 up
Chicago Corn, May	65	64	65 1/2	64 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, June	14.08	13.99	13.93	13.99	.06 up
NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing		Change
May	10.71/71	10.70/69	10.75/75		.04 up
July	10.43/44	10.42/42	10.43/43		.05 up
July (New contract)	10.59/59	10.57/57	10.64 N		.05 up
October	10.09/09	10.08/08	10.14/14		.05 up
December	9.96/96	9.96/96	9.98 N		.05 up
January	9.93 N	9.91/91	9.98 N		.05 up
March	9.85/85	9.82/82	9.89/89		.04 up
Spot	10.87 N		10.91 N		.04 up

Total sales Friday—44,300 bales. First notice day for cotton—1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER					
May	19.77/77	19.60b/75a	19.58/80	.19	off
July	19.00/02	18.98/99	19.03/08	.08	up
September	18.67b	18.67/70	18.72/74	.05	up
December	18.47/47	—	18.50/50	.03	up
January	18.42 N	—	18.44 N	.02	up

Total sales—1,240 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT					
May	110 $\frac{1}{2}$ /110 $\frac{1}{2}$	110 $\frac{1}{4}$ /110 $\frac{1}{4}$	111 $\frac{1}{4}$ /111 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	up
July	109 $\frac{1}{2}$ /109 $\frac{1}{2}$	109 $\frac{1}{4}$ /109 $\frac{1}{4}$	109 $\frac{1}{2}$ /109 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	up
September	109 $\frac{1}{2}$ /109 $\frac{1}{2}$	109 $\frac{1}{4}$ /109 $\frac{1}{4}$	110/109 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	up

Friday's sales—37,595,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN					
May	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64	64 1/2/64 1/2	1/2	up
July	65 1/2/65 1/2	—	65 1/2/65 1/2	1/2	up
September	66 1/2/66 1/2	—	66 1/2/66 1/2	1/2	up

WINNIPEG WHEAT				
May	91 1/2	91/91	91 1/2/91	unch.
July	92 1/2/92 1/2	—	92 1/2/92 1/2	1/2 up
October	94 1/2	—	94 1/2	1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES					
June	13.93/95	13.92b/88a	13.99/99	.06	up
September	14.21/24	14.21/22	14.25/26	.04	up
December	14.45 N	14.45b/50a	14.43 N	.03	up
New York Official	34-3/4		unquoted.		
NY-London Cross Rate	3.51		3.53		

NEW MARKETS FOR BRITISH CARS

The motor industry deserves well of the Chancellor of the Exchequer for its support of the balance of trade. Since September imports have ceased, while exports of British cars and commercial vehicles have averaged 1,000 a week.

The figures for the first six war months, September-February, are described as "most satisfactory." New markets have been found, chiefly in South America, to balance the loss of sales in Denmark and Scandinavia.

MONEY FOR AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Federal Reserve Board reveals that European citizens have invested over a thousand million dollars in the United States under the names of other persons for fear that the invaders of their countries may seize their wealth. The owners' nationality is difficult to trace but officials gave the

WASTE SALVAGED FOR WAR PURPOSES

LONDON, April 12 (By Air Mail).—Salvage work throughout the country during the four months from November last to February has meant a saving of £139,225 in materials usually consigned to the dustbin, but useful in war. Mr. J. C. Dawes, Deputy Controller of Salvage at the Ministry of Supply, said at Manchester yesterday: "Thousands of tons of waste paper, metal, bones, and textile, all of which are now important war materials, ought to be, and must be made available for our industries."

In 25 towns salvage work was going on at the rate of fully £35 a year per 1,000 of the population. In 10 of them it was over £50. More than 550 local authorities were now making monthly returns under the Ministry scheme; for February they were expected to be to the value of £42,000, an increase of 40 per cent on November's figure.

opinion that a large number came from Germany and citizens of countries bordering the Reich.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	7 1/2	Kennecott Copper	36 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	49
Allis Chalmers	33 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	40 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	100 1/2	Loews Inc.	34
Amer. Can.	115 1/2	Loft Incorporated	34 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	39 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	25 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	45 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	25 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pf.	25 1/2
American Gas & Elec.	35 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	113
Amer. Locomotive	19 1/2	Montgomery Ward	50 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	22	National Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	18 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	Nat. Distillers	25 1/2
Amer. S'ing and King Co.	51	National Gypsum	10 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	22 1/2	National Lead	20 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8
Amer. Tobacco "B"	90 1/2	National Steel Corp.	85
Amer. Waterworks	10	National Supply Corp.	8
Anacosta Copper	31	New York Central	18 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5
Auburn Motors	1 1/2	N. American Aviation	24
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2	North American Co.	22
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2	Northern Pacific	8 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2
Barnardell Oil	11 1/2	Pacific Lighting	44
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	80 1/2	Pan-American Airways	22 1/2
Bills & Co.	18 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	25 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Borg-Warner	22 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	37 1/2
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	11 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	0 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	22 1/2	Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	8 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$6	98 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Pulman Inc.	25 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	5 1/2	Pure Oil	11 1/2
Case, J.I.	87 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	6 1/2
Celanese	33	Reading Company, Com	15 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pf.	27 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	88 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	38 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	61
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	80 1/2	Republic Steel	21 1/2
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Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13
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Continental Oil	23 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
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Corn Products	59 1/2	Sperry	43 1/2
Curtis Wright (C)	104	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35 1/2
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Douglas Aircraft	90 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	40 1/2
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Elec. Bond & Share	6 1/2	Texas Corp.	46
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	60 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$4 pf.	60 1/2	Thimken-Axle	25 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2
Flintkote	15 1/2	20th Cent. Fox \$14 pf.	9 1/2
Flintkote	19 1/2	20th Cent. Fox \$14 pf.	21 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	52	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	80 1/2
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Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pf.	28 1/2	U.S. Rubber	32
Great Western Sugar	28 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pf.	104 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	15 1/2	U.S. Steel	61 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	97	Yanadium	38
Homestead Mining	56 1/2	Yulite Aircraft	103 1/2
International Harvester	55 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
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Inter. Paper & Power	19 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	112 1/2
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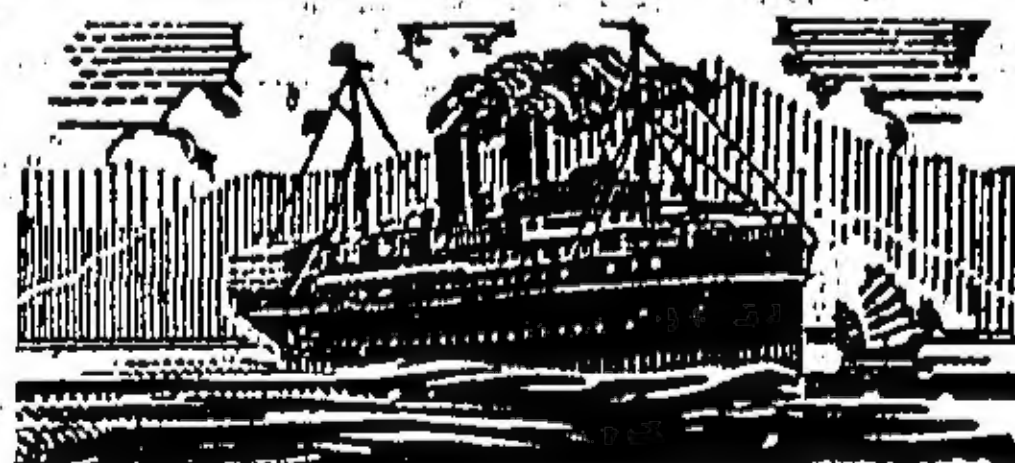
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RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE

LONDON, April 22 (Reuter).—The importance of reconnaissance flights in the Norwegian Campaign was stressed during a naval talk broadcast from Darenty yesterday.

From the earliest days of military aviation, the speaker said, the importance of reconnaissance by air and its effects on land and sea strategy must have been foreseen.

During the last war, reconnaissance came into its own at Jutland where a single seaplane first reported the enemy. Again, only the other day it was from the air that the enemy movements in Norwegian waters were detected.

THOUSANDS OF MILES

Since then the R.A.F. has flown many thousands of miles along the Norwegian coast. Photographs have been taken and scores of reports have come, from which much important information has been secured.

Then there have been the bombing raids by night and day on warships, aerodromes and transports, and these were carried out successfully despite the fact that there is a 300-mile journey across the sea, in either direction, before and after the main part of the work is done.

BASES ATTACKED

The raids on Trondheim and Stavanger have had special significance for there are few flat spaces in Norway and the R.A.F. have tried to make such bases as there are unsuitable for German use for troops carrying and other planes.

Furthermore these bases might well be used later for attacks on the British Isles. The Nazis must have had a very unpleasant time at these aerodromes in the past few days. There is no doubt that serious damage was done to railways, hangars, planes, landing fields, and so on, and on Saturday came the news of the bombing of the base at Aaloring. Long-range fighters helped in the work by some fine low-flying machine-gun attacks.

LOW CASUALTIES

The R.A.F. have met with opposition, but considering the extent of the operations and the large number of aeroplanes taking part, the casualties have not been high.

At the same time the R.A.F. have taken a heavy toll of many of the enemy. There is also the question of aircraft troop carriers.

Whether the Germans will be able to maintain supply for their troops, however, is another matter, the campaign in Norway is being conducted with increasing intensity.

Pacific Powers are paying undiminished attention to possible Japanese occupation of the Dutch East Indies as a means to profit by the war in Europe. The islands can supply tin, rubber, oil, sugar, quinine and tea to Japan. (International).

The Executive Yuan has approved of the recommendation of the Ministry of Education for the establishment of a National Normal College for Girls. A preparatory committee has been formed with Mr. Hsieh Hsun-chu as chairman. The college is expected to be formally opened after fall. (Central).

LOSERS WILL BE SLAVES

ROME, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Signor Ansaldo delivered another speech to the troops today. He said he had nothing to add to, or withdraw from, last Sunday's speech.

He added: "The losers in this war will become slaves, earning only enough to eke out a bare existence while the victors will consider themselves masters of all and will seek to acquire world domination."

He concludes that the only sure guarantee that Italy will not be dragged down was in the strength of her arms.

"Wars leave very few ghosts compared with murders."—Osbert Sitwell.

Three Grave Dangers**SWISS GENERAL'S ANXIETY**

BERNE, April 22 (Reuter).—"We have three dangers at our door," declared General Guisan, the Army's Commander-in-Chief.

Continuing he said: "There is external danger but do not let us talk about it. There is internal danger arising from the fact that certain foreigners here fail to understand that we will not tolerate any sabotage or propaganda of false news."

"The third danger comes from some of our own people who fail to understand the gravity of the situation and the necessity for sacrifices. We are free and will remain free."

A thousand Japanese troops from Hwalyang in east Honan launched an attack on Kungchawang, Kwanchwang and Liupai-fang, points nearby, on April 18. After a day-long battle, they were driven back. (Central).

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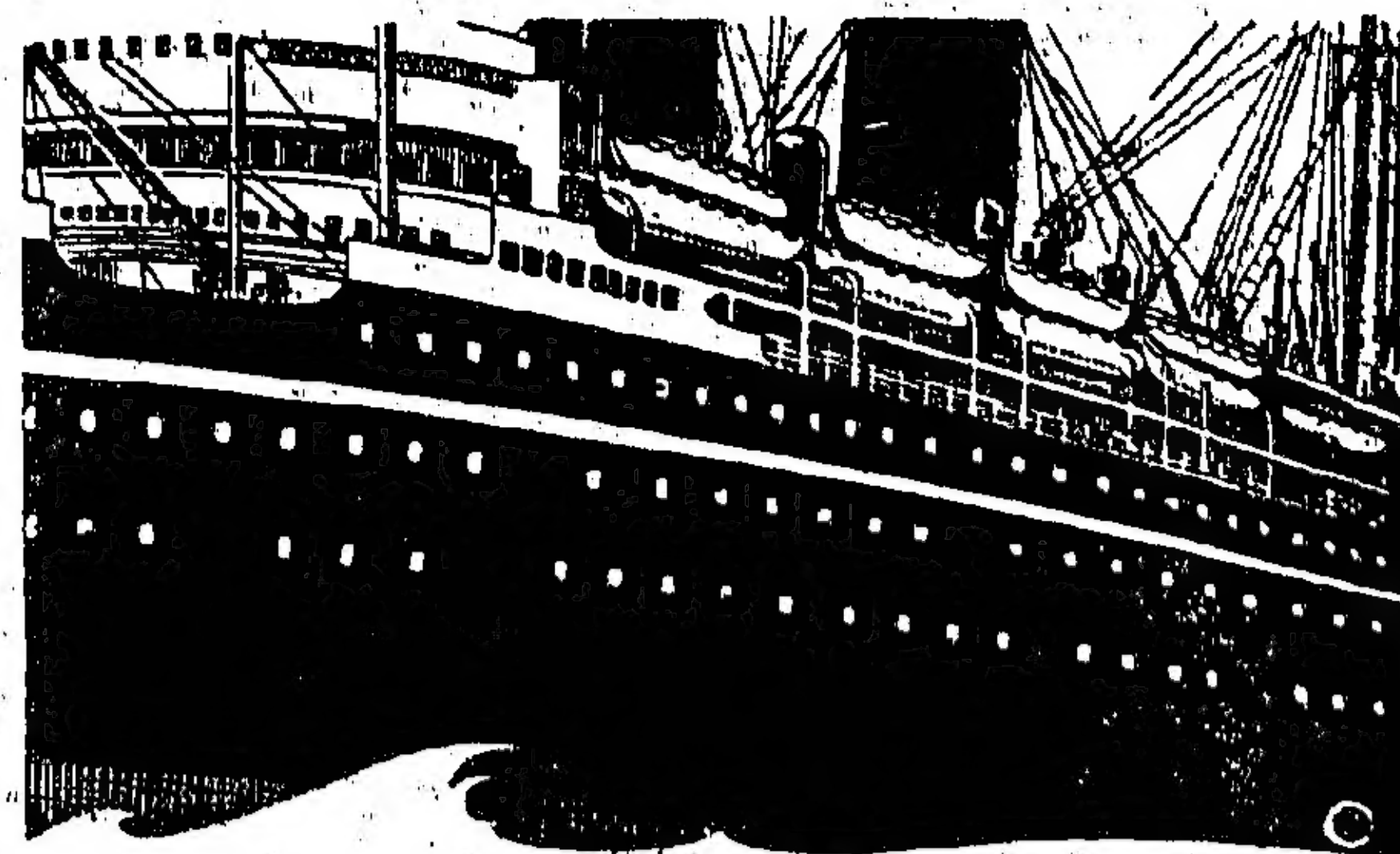
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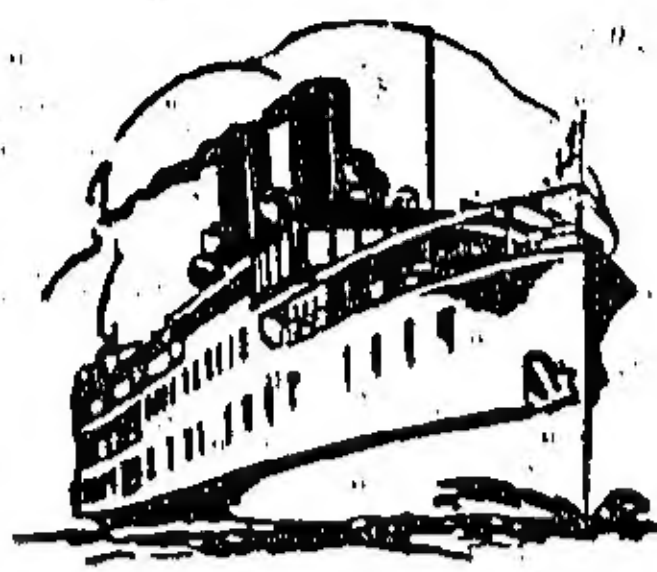
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**PATRICK WONG MAKES BRILLIANT
COME-BACK: WINS COLONY SINGLES
BADMINTON TITLE**

**Generous Gift
From Africa**

SHANGHAI, April 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Liu Fou Hsien, seventy-five-year-old Chinese resident of Johannesburg, contributed £900 to the Chinese National Government, states the Sinwampao. Mr. Liu, a native of Melhsien, Kwangtung Province has lived in South Africa for over 40 years.

**Assembled
In Secrecy**

**ARCTIC SUPPLIES
FOR BRITISH**

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, disclosed today that the Arctic equipment for the British forces in Norway were assembled by British and Canadian manufacturers in absolute secrecy within a month and distributed to Army depots at the General Staff's request within a matter of hours. He added: "No force has been so splendidly supplied within so short a time. It speaks well for the manufacturers, both at home and in Canada."

The equipment included special supplies of clothes, skiboots, snowshoes, ledge, arctic tent, wood-burning cooking stoves and a host of other "explorer material." Mr. Ernest Shackleton, son of the famous Polar explorer, and Mr. S. F. Smudge, a member of three Mount Everest expeditions, assisted in the selection of the right materials.

**PRETTY CHINESE
WOMAN SAVED
FROM HARBOUR**

A young and pretty Chinese woman aged about 22, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday evening in an unconscious state and suffering from the effects of immersion.

Inquiries revealed that the woman, whose identity is unknown, was rescued from the harbour off Western Street, by the crew of a passing launch.

It was not possible to ascertain, in the circumstances, whether the woman had jumped into the water in an alleged attempt to commit suicide, had fallen in accidentally or was the victim of foul play. No visible injuries were discovered on her person.

**Submarine
Crews Home
For Rest**

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Some of the crews of submarines which have been doing splendid work in the North Sea and the Baltic have now returned to home ports for a short rest.

Following the arrival of H. M. S. Triton came into port today. She sank four out of ten German transports in the first encounter with the enemy.

Of these two sank, one was damaged so badly that she had to run into Swedish waters and the fourth had to be abandoned by her crew.

**H.K. TELEPHONE
SYSTEM**

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representative was informed. The waiting list in the North exceeds some 3,000 names and as the equipment used in Shanghai is of Belgian manufacture, the question of supplies becomes even more acute than in the Colony.

Reports current in Hongkong that it is the lack of telephone receivers that is holding up the extension of lines were flatly discounted by the official interviewed, who said: "Those gadgets are readily obtained from anywhere. It is the specialised type of exchange apparatus that is hard to get, and that is what is holding up the expansion of our system."

**Au Forced To Baseline
And Is Out - Played**

PATRICK H. WONG RECAPTURED THE COLONY MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES BADMINTON TITLE when he defeated C. Au, last year's runner-up, in three good games which ended 15-8, 8-15, 15-2, at the Club de Recrelo last night. Both players belong to the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

There was a large gathering present including Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, and Mrs. Lindsell, and the Rev. J. R. Higgs President of the Hongkong Badminton Association.

Wong and Au, having been partners in the Men's Doubles Championship which they captured in 1937-38, played the same type of game, but Wong, by his wider experience and greater physical reserve, out-played Au by forcing the latter to the baseline and taking advantage of a weak return to dodge him with a toss over the net.

Au was specially dangerous at the net and Wong had no easy task in keeping the faster player on the baseline, and it was only after the middle of the second set that the new champion's better stamina stood him in good stead over his quickly tiring opponent.

FORCE ISSUE
Au started off brilliantly and completely out-played Wong early in the first set when he led 8-4 at one stage before Wong managed to force the issue to eight all. Au rallied and bringing off some really pretty cross-court placing carried the set to win by 15-8.

In the second set Au again started off brilliantly and led 3-0 before Wong quite got into his stride. The game, at this stage, was very closely contested and it was with the greatest difficulty that Wong managed to bring the score to 7-all, each point being won or conceded only after prolonged rallies in which both players exerted themselves to the utmost limit of their physical energy. Then Au began to weaken and Wong steadily forced the pace eventually winning 15-8.

Au was now completely tired out and there was a long interval be-

fore play was resumed. He won the first point, and another but just crumpled up after that and Wong carried the game home to win easily by 15-2.

Wong, it will be recalled won the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles (the latter with C. E. Chung) when the first Colony championships were held in 1933. He was runner-up in both the Singles and Doubles (the latter with Au) in 1937-38. He did not take part in last year's tournament and made a brilliant come-back yesterday to win the championship for the second time.

JUNIOR TITLE
The Men's Junior Singles championship was won by W. Gilles, who beat N. Smith 15-12, 15-4 in two straight sets. Gilles was undoubtedly the steeper and better player, and although Smith brought off some brilliant shots, he seemed too erratic to be successful in tournament play.

Smith was very shaky at the start and Gilles was leading 10-0 before the younger player got set. Smith then produced some really excellent play, which included many beautiful smashes and tricky net play which somewhat baffled Gilles, and he brought the game to 11-all before Gilles altered his tactics and captured four more points to Smith's additional one. Gilles was at his best in the second set and was leading 11-0 before Smith rallied and forced the pace point by point to 14-4, losing the last and deciding point only after straining his energy to the utmost. Gilles' better stamina serving him well.

**Two Registry
Weddings**

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. George Henry White, engineer, of No. 16 Shan Kwong Road, and Miss Dorothy Mary White, of No. 8A Hankow Road.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. John Ross Sulter and Miss Muriel Gordon Cameron.

Mr. Whyte-Smith also officiated at the wedding of Mr. Lee Tak-ye, teacher, of No. 45 Haiphong Road, and Miss Ho Look-ye, of No. 17 Canton Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Gisteln Johan Madsen, chief officer of the S. Daviken, and Miss Agnete Bastlansen Petersen, of the same vessel.

Mr. Benito Sam Lee, merchant, of No. 37 Talpo Road, and Miss Victoria Lau Koo, of No. 16 Fuk Wing Street.

Mr. Wong Kuo-chi, merchant, of No. 60 Fuk Wa Street, and Miss Lau Su-ying, of No. 71, Fuk Wa Street.

**Japan Wants
More Babies**

250 THOUSAND
LESS IN 1938

Special To H.K. Daily Press
TOKYO, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Two hundred-and-fifty-thousand fewer babies were born in 1938 than during previous years and the authorities have decided on a series of measures aiming to fight the rising infant mortality.

The preliminary steps will consist of firstly, compulsory examination, in every three months, of all children born in 1939.

Secondly, Governors of all prefectures will appoint examining physicians, one for each school district, totalling about 20,000, and Thirdly, 30,000 licensed nurses and midwives will assist them.

Finally, 100,000 advisers on infant care will be enlisted to give advice regarding the care and feeding of babies.

**INDIAN FOUND
HANGING IN
MENTAL HOME**

**SUICIDE VERDICT
AT INQUEST**

Described as a patient with suicidal tendencies, an Indian watchman, named Bir Singh, aged 30, was found hanging in a lavatory in the Mental Hospital on Mar. 24.

An inquest was held at the Central Court yesterday, Mr. H. G. Sheldon sitting as Coroner.

Li Chung-man, dresser on duty on the night in question, said that it was about 10.20 p.m. when he discovered the deceased's bed was empty. He went to investigate and found the deceased hanging.

HISTORY OF CASE
Dr. C. W. Lam, medical officer in charge of the Mental Hospital, said that the deceased was admitted to the hospital in December 1938. He was diagnosed as suffering from depressive mania and the history of his mental symptoms showed suicidal tendencies. In February he refused food for two days and on one occasion, during a period of mild excitement, he struck his head against the wall.

A verdict of suicide, while of unsound mind, was recorded.

POLICE FORCE LOSS

The Hongkong Police Force lost an old and efficient member yesterday with the death of Constable Wu Chiu, who was attached to the Piracy Prevention Department. Constable Wu had been with the Force for more than 15 years. He dropped dead suddenly at his home, No. 299 Portland Street, at 6 a.m. yesterday.

WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—A War communiqué states that there was activity of our patrols to the east of the Moselle.

Mr. E. V. Todd reported to the police that while driving along Castle Peak Road on Sunday he had a collision with an oncoming car, No. 5157.

FOREIGN MAILS

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Shanghai	23rd Apr.
Saigon	23rd Apr.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 17th April	24th Apr.
Canton	24th Apr.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 17th April	24th Apr.
Canton	24th Apr.
Java and Manila	24th Apr.
Shanghai	24th Apr.
Amoy and Swatow	24th Apr.
Haiphong, Hanoi & Fort Bayard	24th Apr.
Saigon	24th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Apr.
Canton	24th Apr.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 18th Mar.)	24th Apr.
Australia and Manila	24th Apr.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March	24th Apr.
Shanghai	24th Apr.
Manila	24th Apr.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th April	27th Apr.
Shanghai	27th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	27th Apr.
Haiphong	27th Apr.
Canton	27th Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	27th Apr.
Shanghai and Amoy	27th Apr.
Japan	27th Apr.
Haiphong	27th Apr.
Shanghai	27th Apr.
Shanghai	27th Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th April)	30th Apr.
Japan	30th Apr.
Shanghai	1st May
Sandakan	3rd May
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 10th April)	8th May

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For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tue, 23rd
Bangkok	5.30 AM
Fort Bayard	10.00 AM
Parcels only for Tientsin	11.30 AM
Sandakan	2.30 PM
Parcels only for Rangoon	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 13th May	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 30th April	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 1st May	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 29th April	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM

WEDNESDAY	Wed, 24th
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	10.30 AM
Bangkok	12.30 PM
Parcels only for Tientsin	12.30 PM
Fort Bayard	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 2nd May	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Straits	7.00 PM

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